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## Inquiry launched after PM's Christmas visit to Ulster

# Thatcher put in danger by Paisley leak

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, decided last night to holdan inquiry into how Mr Ian Paisley, the Protestant leader, was able to obtain and reveal details of the Prime Minister's visit to Northern Ireland yesterday.

MPs were accusing the Democratic Unionist Party leader of endangering the life of the Prime Minister after giving details of her itinerary in an interview in yesterday's *Belfast Newsletter*, intensifying the security risk inherent in an already potentially hazardous journey.

As the controversy over the security leak raged, the Prime Minister, touring police and army bases across the province, delivered an uncompromising message to Unionists that the Anglo-Irish agreement would continue.

The visit had been kept secret from even some of Mrs Thatcher's closest staff in Downing Street, but Mr Paisley received the information *in Belfast on Monday night* and told his "loyalist" colleagues about it.

*The disclosures* led angry Conservative MPs to conclude that Mr Paisley must have a "mole" in the Northern Ireland Civil Service. Preparations for the trip would have involved the visit being known to a fairly large number of officers in the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Sir Humphrey Atkins, a former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said last night: "If Mr Paisley not only heard about it, which he should not have done, but also let it be known, it is quite disgraceful.



Mr Paisley yesterday

"I find it very disturbing that information should have been given to Mr Paisley presumably by one of the comparatively few people who knew the details. I am sure that Mr King will wish to discover who that was."

Sir Humphrey said it was disgraceful that Mr Paisley should do anything that might endanger the life of the elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom "to which he so passionately attaches himself."

Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for East Hampshire, who takes over from Sir Humphrey on January 1 as chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Defence, said: "It is despicable that Mr Paisley should try to use a visit by a head of government at Christmas to those who are doing the dangerous job of trying to keep the peace for his own party political ends. It is quite appalling.

"The Prime Minister is a very brave lady. Thse visits are always accompanied by a certain amount of danger but for Mr Paisley to add to it does him and what he stands for no credit."

With Mrs Thatcher under threat from both republicans and extreme loyalists the security forces had gone to extraordinary lengths to keep secret until the last minute the province's VIP visitor.

Loyalists mounted sporadic protests with Mr Paisley shouting traitor as the Prime Minister visited a police station in East Belfast.

Workers briefly stopped work in a few industries for 15 minutes at lunchtime and 40 loyalists protested outside Belfast's City Hall as hundreds of other people continued with their Christmas shopping.

Mr Paisley received details of most of the Prime Minister's itinerary and it was published in the province's Unionist morning paper.

Mr Paisley defended his action saying he was opposed to the Prime Minister but last night the government prom-

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The Prime Minister meeting UDR members at Girdwood Barracks yesterday.

## Portfolio Gold

**● The £8,000 prize in yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition — double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous day — was won by Mrs Joyce Eames of Foston, Derby. Details page 3.**

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## Court cuts Piggott's record bail

The record bail of £950,000 posted by Lester Piggott, the former champion jockey facing a tax fraud charge, was virtually halved in a High Court application yesterday.

Mr Justice Thomas reduced the cash sum set by Newmarket magistrates for Mr Piggott's freedom to £500,000 in a private hearing in the High Court in London.

He also ordered the return of Mr Piggott's passport and allowed him to report monthly, instead of weekly, to the police as a condition of bail.

Mr Piggott, aged 51, who retired as a jockey last year to become a trainer, was arrested and charged last Friday with making a false tax statement about his bank account.

The Inland Revenue had asked for £2 million in cash to be deposited with the court as bail surety, but the magistrates reduced this to £950,000 with two sureties of £125,000 each.

Mr Piggott was freed on surrendering the deeds to his house and stables to the court. His solicitor presented a bank draft for the cash sum 30 minutes before the Monday evening deadline.

Mr Piggott, who attended the High Court hearing, said: "I am relieved that I am now free to be able to carry on my business." The case has been adjourned until March 19.

## UK trade gap tops £1 billion

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain is this year heading for the first balance of payments deficit since 1979. A surge in imports in November pushed the deficit on trade to more than £1 billion.

The current account was in deficit by £232 million last month. It showed a cumulative deficit of £224 million for the first 11 months of the year.


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Imports rose by £506 million to £7.54 billion in November, and they included a marked increase in imports of finished manufactures.

The consumer spending boom continued to suck in imports at an alarming rate, although officials emphasized the strength of non-consumer imports.

There was embarrassment in Whitehall about the latest monthly trade figures. A month ago the statisticians had announced an upward revision of the monthly surplus on invisible trade from £600 million to £900 million for the fourth quarter.

Now the monthly surplus has been revised to £800 million.

## Peking student protest

Peking (Reuter) — Hundreds of students from Peking's elite Qinghua university took to the streets last night demanding democracy and freedom in the first such demonstration in the capital during China's current wave of campus unrest.

Several thousand students gathered at Qinghua university at 6.30 pm in response to posters and marched to two other universities. Police did not intervene.

The demonstration, lasting more than four hours, followed a leading article in the *People's Daily* calling for stability and unity.

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## Sakharov pleads for prisoners

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

One of the strongest signals yet of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's ambition to transform Soviet society came yesterday when Dr Andrei Sakharov, the country's most prominent dissident, returned from exile and launched a passionate plea for the release of all "prisoners of conscious" held in the Gulag.

Saying that no restrictions had been imposed on his freedom, the physicist, aged 65, told of how he had personally informed Mr Gorbachov during their historic telephone conversation last week that "people who have been locked up for their convictions but never used violence" should be set free immediately.

Dr Sakharov, who hopes to return to work in the field of nuclear science, later attended a seminar at the Institute of Physics of the Academy of Sciences.

His release has been welcomed by Dr Yevgeny Velikhov, the Academy's vice-president and a leading figure in Moscow's anti-Star Wars programme, prompting speculation that Dr Sakharov might be asked to join it.

It is understood that the Nobel Peace Prize winner who has never been dismissed from the Academy has kept abreast of modern scientific developments during his nearly seven years in exile.

Mr Gorbachov has been quoted as stating the hope that he will return to "patriotic work".

Stepping off the train from Gorky, Dr Sakharov staged

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## Fowler gives extra £10m to London's 4 health regions

By Jill Sherman

*The Government* yesterday bowed to pressure from Conservative backbenchers and announced an extra £10 million for London hospitals next year.

It is widely seen as a pre-election gesture to allay growing concern amongst Londoners about health cutbacks.

The extra money will come from the £15 million fund announced by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, after the Autumn statement. The fund has been earmarked for regions which get less than average growth, but London's four regions have been given the lion's share.

The only other regions that have profited are Mersey and North Western, covering greater Manchester, which have gained £800,000 and £1.2 million respectively.

Announcing the 1987/1988 allocations yesterday, Mr Fowler made it clear that no region in the country will *experience a cut in real terms* in next year's allocation.

All regions will gain at least 5.1 per cent over their allocation this year, bringing the total expenditure on the NHS to almost £11 billion, an increase of £626 million.

Yesterday Conservative backbenchers welcomed the additional funding and said it would go some way towards dispelling fears over hospital cuts and closures.

Mr Roger Simms, deputy chairman of the Conservative backbench health committee, who has been a leading campaigner for more funds, said: "I am very pleased that Norman Fowler has realised that *under the present system of* allocating resources London regions have been disadvataged *to the extent that in* places hospital wards have been closed in order to keep within budgets."

The new allocations have been distributed under the present Resource Allocation Working Party formula (RAWP), so that regions which have traditionally been deprived of health services are given more resources.

The average growth for all regions is 5.7 percent, a real increase of almost 2 per cent. The increase will cover inflation, estimated at 3.75 per cent and funding for last year's pay award, calculated at 0.9 per cent.

● The number of women dying from lung cancer has increased by 20 per cent since 1979, according to the third NHS annual report.

The report shows that an increase in health service activity has in most areas gone hand in hand with an overall improvement in life expectancy.

*Among men lung cancer* mortality is down 9 per cent.

The report shows that male deaths from heart attacks have dropped by 7 per cent during the same period, and one per cent in women. Deaths from stomach cancer have fallen by 16 per cent and 21 per cent respectively in men and women and 9 per cent fewer women died of cervical cancer.

The report, which covers the period 1985-86, also shows that the number of patients treated in hospital reached record levels last year. In 1985 over 6.75 million people were admitted to hospital, 37.5 million people attended hospital outpatient departments and there were almost one million day patient cases.


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## Voyager flies into aviation history

Ivor Davies
*Edwards Air Force Base California*

The spindly, frail-looking experimental aircraft Voyager flew itself into aviation history yesterday morning when it landed in brilliant sunshine at this California desert air base after flying 26,000 miles around the world without refueling.

Clambering out of his aircraft, pilot Dick Rutan, wearing a nine-day beard stubble beneath dark sunglasses, donned a black cowboy hat and patted the plane that had carried him and his co-pilot, Jeana Yeager, around the globe on an emotional and physical roller coaster of a trip and drawled: "I need a long shower and a shave".

Miss Yeager, in a clean light blue warm-up suit, looking remarkably spritely and fresh despite the dangerous, non-stop flight through treacherous weather walked unaided to a waiting ambulance and noted: "I feel real good".


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Like clockwork, the Voyager, which looks more like a catamaran than a flying machine, flew into the California sunshine shortly after sunrise almost nine days to the hour after it took off for the record-breaking flight.

Voyager had made the first ever around the world trip without refueling, and landed with petrol to spare. The marathon flight also more than doubled the previous distance record set in 1962.

Dick Rutan, aged 49, a veteran of scores of Vietnam combat missions who spent 85 per cent of his time at the plane's controls, seemed a little wobbley. But both he and his short-haired co-pilot walked just a few steps to a waiting ambulance and waved jubilantly to a crowd of more than 50,000 who had came to witness their historic landing on the dry lake bed in the Mojave Desert.

For nine days, the two lived like a couple of human sardines, sitting at the controls in a cockpit little bigger than a telephone kiosk.

Their flight was not always a smooth one. There had been repeated scares over whether the aircraft would have enough fuel to complete the journey. During the odyssey they were buffeted by fierce winds and thrown around like plastic dolls when the light plane encountered severe turbulance.

But one of the biggest scares of the trip came early yesterday on the last leg of the voyage.

Just hours from home at 8,500 ft, Voyager's rear engine suddenly died as a result of a

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In common with other newspapers, *The Times* will not appear tomorrow or on Boxing Day — but we'll be back on Saturday with some advice on staying young, a critical look at the honours system, and *The Times* calendar of world sport in 1987

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## BBC cancels Ronald Biggs drama

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The policeman who captured Ronald Biggs, one of the the Great Train Robbers, in Rio de Janiero in 1974 last night forced the BBC to cancel a £600,000 television dramatization of the tale.

Lawyers for former Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper claimed that the programme would mislead the public.

The BBC drama stars Jeremy Kemp as Mr Slipper and Larry Lamb as Biggs. It is billed in *Radio Times* as the story of how obsessive competition drove the popular press into a riotous orgy of mutual back stabbing.

Written by Keith Waterhouse from a book by Anthony Delano, the 95-minute programme tells how Colin MacKenzie, a reporter with the *Daily Express*, found Biggs in Brazil, and tipped off Mr Slipper to produce a world exclusive.

Biggs had escaped from Wandsworth prison in south-west London where he was serving 30 years for his part in the £2.5 million robbery in 1963. He went free after a Brazilian court ruled that he could not be extradited.

The programme, called *Slip-up*, was to have been the prime-time attraction on BBC-1 next Tuesday at 9.30pm. It will be replaced by a repeat of the Noel Coward play, *Mr and Mrs Edgehill*, first shown in December 1985.

The BBC said it was postponing the programme for legal reasons.

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## Doctor sets up Aids testing centre in car park

A mobile testing centre for the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) has been set up in a car park by a doctor, who is charging clients £12.50 for his services.

The unit, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, was put into operation yesterday at a car park in Slough, Berkshire.

Dr Gatenby Davies, who became an expert on Aids while working in East Africa, sees people without an appointment at a caravan in the car park.

The two-day scheme is a trial for a more permanent operation which Dr Davies is planning in the new year.

Oxford Regional Health Authority said yesterday that it was viewing the scheme with scepticism and is urging potential patients to use its free clinics or go to their general practitioner.

The British Medical Association also advised patients to use National Health Service clinics. It said it was not aware of any waiting list at the free clinics. "It is crucial that patients receive expert advice, even before they are tested. It sounds as if this car park scheme will throw a lot of extra work on general practitioners in the area, who will be responsible for giving patients the results of the tests," it said.

Dr Davies is confident that his unit will be a success and has ploughed £40,000 into it.

He said that the tests are carried out at the unit and the blood samples sent away for screening. The results will be sent to the patient's GP who will be responsible for telling the patient whether they are negative or positive.

"The tests are carried out in the strictest confidence. My aim is to put people's minds at rest," Dr Davies, of London Laboratories, a company based at Brentford, west London, said. He has been carrying out cancer screening tests from the caravan for the past 20 months.

Mr David Wass, clinic nursing manager at the genitourinary medicine clinic in Brighton, East Sussex, said there was no need for anyone to pay for a test. "We offer exactly the same service free and there is a unit like ours in every town. We give expert counselling before carrying out the test and afterwards, whether the result is positive or negative. One drawback I can see is that the mobile unit might not give a very good counselling service."

● The funeral took place yesterday of an Aids victim, a haemophiliac boy aged 10 who died in hospital in Bangor, North Wales. It will be the second death of a child to be recorded on the cumulative totals being compiled by the Department of Health

Nurses, ambulancemen and teachers attended the service of the boy who died after being in a coma. He was infected by contaminated blood products.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

# Shoppers cleared in bomb alert

An alert store security guard prevented a Christmas disaster with shoppers being hurt by an incendiary bomb in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday. No group claimed responsibility.

A cigarette packet containing a watch and wires, later confirmed by Army disposal squads as an incendiary device, was found by the guard on a settee in the second-floor furniture section of Binns department store in Market Street.

About 2,000 people were moved out and the shopping area sealed off while a two-man bomb disposal unit from Catterick camp made the device safe.

Police were last night working on two theories: either that a bungling bomber had planted the device intending it to ignite over the weekend when the store was closed, or that he wanted to cause mayhem.

Last Friday the Animal Liberation Front telephoned a warning to a local radio station that it intended planting a fire bomb in the city centre.

# 'No go' for sheep

Restrictions on the movement of sheep in Anglesey and parts of Gwynedd, in North Wales, are to be imposed from midnight on Saturday after an outbreak of sheep scab.

Until further notice sheep may not be moved out of the area without a licence from the local authority. Licences will only be issued for sheep which have been dipped.

In the past three years the Ministry of Agriculture has expressed concern about the resurgence of the disease.

# Ruling on jobs

Seven Asian workers who were refused new jobs because they were illiterate were not discriminated against, an industrial tribunal in Leeds ruled yesterday.

Weavercraft Industries, a Bradford carpet manufacturer, argued that it was essential that operators of newly installed high-technology machines could read and write.

The tribunal said the requirement could mean indirect discrimination because fewer Asian than white people would meet it.

# Overtime ban in pits

The Yorkshire coalfield faces its biggest industrial dispute since the end of the miners' strike after delegates representing 4,000 pit deputies yesterday agreed to an overtime ban from 6am today.

Maurice Payne, Yorkshire president of Nacods, the pit deputies' union, said deputies would provide cover over the holiday period only in an emergency.

The dispute was sparked when management supervised NUM men at Goldthorpe colliery, near Doncaster, last week, where 60 deputies were on strike.

British Coal yesterday announced the closure of Whittle colliery near Alnwick, in Northumberland, because of geological difficulties.

# Radio man ill



Wynford Vaughan-Thomas, the television and radio journalist, was comfortable in hospital last night after being admittedto Withybush Hospital in Haverfordwest, Dyfed, for tests.

His wife, Charlotte, said Mr Vaughan-Thomas, aged 77, became unwell 11 days ago after travelling to London to receive his CBE insignia at Buckingham Palace.

The broadcaster's voice was known to millions for his coverage of royal occasions. He still features in broadcasts.

# Mirror vote on pay

Printworkers at Mirror Group Newspapers voted yesterday to accept a new pay and conditions deal. Mr Robert Maxwell, the Mirror Group publisher, said that a secret ballot of Sogat '82 members in London and Manchester had shown a 1,351 to 751 majority in favour of the package.

Under the agreement, they would get a 5 per cent wage increase backdated to September and a lump sum equivalent to 3.5 per cent on wages from January 1 to August 31 this year, he said.

## Terrorist supergrass evidence judged 'unsafe'

# Court frees 24 men on appeal

By Richard Ford

Twenty-four men found guilty of terrorist offences on the evidence of a supergrass walked free yesterday, after their convictions were quashed by the Court of Appeal.

Relatives and friends cheered and hugged the men as they left Belfast Crown Court after the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry, sitting with two other judges, had delivered a one hour 20 minute written judgement.

They had been convicted a year ago of almost 200 terrorist offences on the word of Harry Kirkpatrick, the former second in command of the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), who is serving a life sentence after admitting five murders and 72 other serious crimes.

Three of the 24 went on hunger strike last Christmas, demanding an early appeal and the end to the use of informer evidence in Northern Ireland courts.

They had been sentenced largely on the word of Kirkpatrick, aged 29, whose statements to the RUC in early 1982 dealt a devastating blow to the small terrorist organization, which claimed responsibility for the murder in 1979 of Mr Airey Neave, Conservative Party spokesman on Northern Ireland.

Twenty-seven appealed against their convictions, alleging that the informer was a "habitual liar" whose evidence had been unsafe.

Three lost their appeals because they had made statements of admission.

Lord Lowry described Kirkpatrick as a "deeply flawed" witness who had lied, made numerous mistakes and been less than frank and straightforward during 26 days in the witness box.

But Lord Lowry said that though all convictions on the uncorroborated evidence of Kirkpatrick were unsafe and must be quashed, it was probable that many of the appellants were members of the INLA and there was a strong probability that they had been involved in the crimes, including terrorist murder.

There are now no people in jail solely on the uncorroborated evidence of an informer and no supergrass trials pending.

Among those freed yesterday was Gerard Steenson, aged 29, described by the trial judge as head of INLA's Belfast brigade and a "most dangerous and sinister terrorist".

Mr Steenson had been serving a life sentence for the murder of five members of the security forces and a member of the "loyalist" paramilitary Ulster Defence Association.

Another man freed was Mr Thomas Power, aged 32, who had been convicted of the murder of an RUC reservist and was described as INLA brigade intelligence.

Yesterday's judgement is yet another blow to the use of supergrasses to secure convictions for terrorist crime in Northern Ireland. In three previous cases large numbers of men jailed on the word of both provisional IRA and Ulster Volunteer Force informers were freed on appeal.

# Galleries gain from paintings tax deal

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

A collection of works by the late Ben Nicholson, one of Britain's most celebrated modern artists, has been distributed among eight museums and galleries from Bristol to Aberdeen in lieu of tax.

The Museums and Galleries Commission, which approved the transaction, described it as a rare departure from the customary practice of accepting antique paintings in settlement of posthumous tax bills.

"It is quite exciting to have the opportunity of offering important contemporary art to provincial institutions," it said yesterday.

The collection of nine abstract paintings, drawings and mixed media, representing a span of Nicholson's work from 1924 to 1981, satisfied a Capital Transfer Tax demand of £187,000.

Nicholson died in London in 1982, aged 87, leaving an estate valued at more than £2 million, most of it in paintings and other works.

His "First Abstract Painting", which made an impact on contemporary art in 1924, is one of two accorded to the Tate Gallery in London. Others went to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, the Fitz-William Museum in Cambridge, and to galleries in Manchester, Bristol, Aberdeen, York and Cleveland.

Miss Jane Munro, assistant keeper of paintings and drawings at the FitzWilliam, said it had received "Ivory", a thinly-painted oil.

"We were absolutely delighted. Since we have virtually nothing in purchasing funds, it is exciting for us to acquire a work of this quality."

● A grant of £500,000 from the Wolfson Foundation has completed funding for the first phase of a project by the Tate Gallery to create a permanent display of twentieth century painting and sculpture in Liverpool.

The support guarantees that the "Tate in the North" will open in 1988. Nearly 3,000 square metres of public galleries will be provided.



The Queen and Sir David Attenborough, the film producer, in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace yesterday during filming for the Queen's message, to be broadcast on Christmas afternoon (Photograph: Joan Williams, BBC).

# Thatcher endangered by Paisley leak

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ised an investigation into a leak which has embarrassed officials and her security advisors.

The Northern Ireland Office said it was obvious that the enemies of Northern Ireland would wish to have the Prime Minister's itinerary and that anyone revealing details of it was doing no favour to the province and UK.

It was a matter of concern that some person or persons had departed from the principle of loyalty and revealed these details but it would not deter Mrs Thatcher from visiting the province

Since the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed 13 months ago there have been a series of leaks which because of the small size of Northern Ireland the Government has been unable to stop.

Mrs Thatcher's Christmas visit was an annual event until 1983 and she normally visited both the security forces and largely Unionist areas where in the past she was enthusiastically greeted on walkabouts.

However she signed the agreement in 1985 she would clearly be at risk from loyalist demonstrators in any public engagement.

Yesterday she was surrounded by tight security when she visited bases in Co Armagh, north and east Belfast before lunching with community and business leaders at Hillsborough Castle.

Despite continuing Unionist opposition to the agreement Mrs Thatcher said the Government would not abrogate it and in a series of interviews she pointed out the advantages of devolution for the province.

"I hope that one day both traditions in Northern Ireland will say 'Look, if there's to be a future for our children, we have to learn to live together'.

"That cannot come from the outside. We can provide security forces to help the RUC, we can provide the framework of an agreement. We can provide the finance but in the end a change of heart has to come from the people in Northern Ireland."

# Brent's education policies criticized

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Brent council's education policies were yesterday labelled catastrophic by the leader of one of the main teaching unions. The criticism comes after the news of another head teacher's departure from the troubled north London borough.

Mr David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which represents more than 26,000 heads and deputies, accused Brent of imposing its policies on its employees and said the morale of teachers was now at an all-time low.

"Brent is now as dictatorial an education authority that one could possibly come across," he added. The NAHT has 80 members in the borough's schools.

His thoughts were echoed by Mr Peter Snape, the general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, who said he believed the situation for his members in the borough was now intolerable.

The latest expressions of concern with the council's policies come after the resignation of Miss Janet Hathaway, aged 43, the former head of Kilburn Park Junior School.

She is reported to have made the decision because she lived in fear of being falsely accused of racism and also because she felt she was receiving inadequate support for her work from the local council.

Four senior teachers have now become caught up in Brent's determined drive to combat racism in the borough.

Miss Hathaway, a member of the National Union of Teachers and also a former member of the NAHT, has now moved from London and will resume her teaching career in the Luton area

Brent council made the headlines when it began to pursue Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the head of Sudbury Infants School, for making an allegedly racist remark.

Reports of staff shortages and teacher hostility to anti-racism policies have prompted Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, to order an inspection of Brent's schools.

# Union anger over £95m rail order

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British Rail announced yesterday the placing of orders worth £95 million for passenger carriages and other rolling stock, and immediately ran into complaints from the National Union of Railwaymen that it would cause the loss of 1,000 jobs.

One order, worth £82.8 million, is for 217 coaches of a new design and other vehicles to be used on the mainline east coast route, which is being electrified.

The electrified service will open between London and Peterborough next spring, and the complete service as far as Edinburgh will come into use in 1991.

The coaches, which are due to be delivered between 1989 and 1991, will cost £8.5 million more than coaches which it had originally been intended should be used, but Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said that the cost was justified because they would provide increased safety, lower maintenance costs and a better ride.

The contract has been awarded to Metro-Cammell at Birmingham, which is subcontracting some of the work to British Rail Engineering at Derby.

The NUR, whose members man the engineering workshops, said that it calculated the decision would cost another 1,000 jobs at the workshops.

But British Rail Engineering said that the placing of the order outside Derby would not result in any immediate redundancies over and above what it had already announced.

Mr Mitchell said that what the union was complaining about was that jobs would go to Metro-Cammell rather than to its members.

British Rail Engineering won a smaller contract, also announced yesterday, to provide 52 driving van trailers for the main west coast route at a cost of £12 million.

Mr Mitchell denied that the Government was reviewing the financial targets set for British Rail for the next three years because of criticisms that BR would have to cut its services unacceptably.

## Hunt dispute

# Farmer shoots foxhounds

By David Sapsted

A shotgun blast that caused death and injury among a pack of foxhounds has shattered the tranquility of the South Devon countryside and promised to become a *cause célèbre* in the dispute between huntsmen and anti-field sport farmers.

South Devon Foxhounds has told the police that it wants Mr Philip Wrayford, a farmer, prosecuted for killing one of the hounds and wounding four others when they strayed on to his land at Whiteway Barton, near Kingsteignton.

But Mr Wrayford, aged 52, said yesterday that he was justified in firing at the pack because they were heading for an enclosure holding his herd of 23 deer worth £12,000.

The farmer, who opposes fox hunting, told the hunt last June that he did not want it on his land. After some hounds strayed on to his farm last month, he warned the hunt that he would shoot the dogs if they threatened his deer.

Devon and Cornwall Police said yesterday that, after a complaint from the hunt, a report on the incident was being compiled by a Teignmouth officer.

"We shall decide what, if any, action to take when that report is received," the force added.

Mr Wrayford said: "The dogs were trying to get under the fence and, if they had done so, there would have been a bloodbath.

"I fired two warning shots but they had no effect, so I shot into the pack and that soon dispersed them. I am sorry the animals were hurt. But I had to protect my livestock."

Mr David Herring, joint hunt master, said one dog had died of its injuries, another needed surgery and three others had been hit by pellets.

The National Farmers' Union said last night that farmers had a right to protect their animals, while a spokesman for the RSPCA said hunts should not be absolved of responsibility simply because a pack of hounds could be hard to control.

However, the Country Landowners' Association saw no fundamental clash between farming and hunting interests.

# Widow of MP may stand for Alliance

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr John Pardoe, former Liberal MP and past candidate for the party leadership, has made plain that he will not be a candidate in the by-election at Truro caused by the death of Mr David Penhaligon.

Although there will be no discussion in the Alliance until the new year about the timing of the by-election and selection of candidate, there had inevitably been speculation that Mr Pardoe, who left the Commons in 1979, might be tempted back in what is now a safe seat.

It is known that he would have been the choice of many Liberals who feel that, after the tragic loss of Mr Penhaligon on Monday, the party will need a senior figure to take his place.

But Mr Pardoe made clear yesterday that he did not intend to fight the seat and wished to concentrate his efforts on heading the Alliance's general election campaign through his post as chairman of the election plannning group.

Some Liberals are speculating that Mr Penhaligon's wife, Annette, might be persuaded to stand, despite the obvious burden of her family responsibilities.

With Mr Pardoe out of the running the leading contender could become Mr Paul Tyler, another former MP who is working as a close aide to Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader.

The strongest local candidate could be Mr David Hughes, the Liberal-Alliance leader on Cornwall County Council.

A private family funeral service will be held for Mr Penhaligon on Tuesday, with a thanksgiving service in Truro Cathedral on January 10.

Mr Steel announced yesterday that a trust fund was being set up to honour the life of Mr Penhaligon.The three trustees will be Mr Steel, Mrs Penhaligon and Mr Julian Williams, the independent chairman of Cornwall council.

Mr Steel said: "Annette has agreed to the setting up of the memorial trust but it is still too soon for any of us to have firm proposals for its use, except that it will be related to Cornwall.

# Falkland talks ruled out

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night again ruled out talks with Argentina on the future of the Falkland Islands, despite the growing clamour within the United Nations for negotiations.

In a Christmas message to the islanders, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said: "You have my promise that Britain will stand fast in support of your right to decide your own future, even though other governments at the United Nations choose to apply that fundamental principle in a very selective way. We shall not negotiate about sovereignty."

The Prime Minister defended the British decision to impose a fishery conservation zone around the islands in February.

She said: "We would have preferred to work through the Food and Agriculture Organization to manage fisheries in the whole of the South Atlantic. But with Argentina refusing to co-operate we could not let another year go by without taking the decisions needed to protect your fish stocks.

"Their depletion would damage other elements of your natural heritage so we had to act and stand up for your interests."

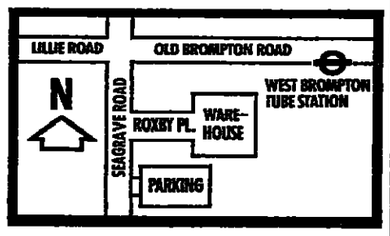
Mrs Thatcher said: "When we sent the task force in 1982 it was to protect your land and your democratic rights and I cannot stress too much how deeply we feel about this".


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# Police drink-drive campaign reduces breath test arrests

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

More than 1,600 motorists have failed breath tests in four days in England and Wales, but there are signs that this year's campaign against drinking and driving is working.

Several police forces have reported an improvement on last year. A spokesman for the Nottinghamshire police, which runs one of the toughest anti-drink driving campaigns in Britain, said yesterday that the average number of positive breath tests was slightly down on the previous three years.

The Norfolk police also reported that motorists were heeding the Christmas-New Year campaign. Only 52 out of 137 drivers so far breathalyzed after accidents had failed the test, 13 less than last year.

In Staffordshire, the police said that the campaign had brought a "notable decrease" in the number of drivers arrested. There were only 11 positive breath tests in the last three days, compared with 14 in the same period last year. There have been no fatal accidents on Staffordshire roads in the last week.

Public houses have reported record sales of low-alcohol beer in many areas, while fruit juice and soft drink sales are well up, along with a big increase in the number of patrons ordering taxis. Liquor licensees also reported buoyant sales of alcohol to those not driving.

Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable of Warwickshire, and secretary of the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said yesterday: "Ultimately we must make drinking and driving unsociable. There is some indication that we are achieving our aim, but it remains a fact that over 1,600 drivers have provided positive breath tests in only four days and there is obviously a likelihood that they will not only lose their licences but also their livelihoods. Our only advice is: 'Do not drink and drive'."

Figures compiled on behalf of the association show that contrary to popular belief there is little correlation between drinking and traffic accidents in different areas.

This is in part due to the differing categories of roads in various police regions. A motorway with a big flow of long-distance traffic cannot be compared with local roads utilized by party-goers and pub-crawlers.

"It is not possible to make a real comparison with any previous figures," Mr Joslin said.

Mr Ian Ruff, director of St Christopher Motorists' Security Association, which provides transport or a driver for disqualified motorists who have paid a premium for such an eventuality, said: "Claims relating to November and the early part of December are fairly quiet."

In the Norwich area, nearly 100 public houses have volunteered to take part in a "designated driver" campaign launched by the Norwich Brewery. It encourages groups to select a driver for the evening, who can then obtain soft drinks at a reduced price in exchange for not drinking alcohol.

Table of number of motorists failing breath-tests, plus total of injury accidents. Figures compiled by police forces in England and Wales between 6am on Friday, December 19th, and 6am yesterday.

| | Tests | Accidents | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Avon-Somerset | 46 | 59 | Leics | 53 | 28 |
| Bedfordshire | 20 | 44 | Lincs | 22 | 39 |
| Cambridgeshire | 25 | 44 | Merseyside | 49 | 60 |
| Cheshire | 37 | 50 | Norfolk | 18 | 32 |
| City of London | 1 | 3 | Northants | 24 | 20 |
| Cleveland | 14 | 14 | Northumbria | 36 | 55 |
| Cumbria | 26 | 29 | N Wales | 38 | 11 |
| Derbyshire | 18 | 41 | N Yorks | 13 | 31 |
| Devon-Cornwall | 48 | 60 | Notts | 70 | 58 |
| Dorset | 21 | 15 | S Wales | 50 | 62 |
| Durham | 18 | 23 | S Yorks | 75 | 56 |
| Dyfed-Powys | 23 | 24 | Staffs | 14 | 45 |
| Essex | 42 | 83 | Suffolk | 14 | 58 |
| Gloucs | 25 | 24 | Surrey | 37 | 56 |
| Gtr Manchester | 167 | 137 | Sussex | 43 | 59 |
| Gwent | 17 | 11 | Thames Valley | 74 | 106 |
| Hampshire | 50 | 61 | Warwicks | 15 | 26 |
| Hertfordshire | 37 | 45 | W Mercia | 40 | 52 |
| Humberside | 34 | 31 | W Midlands | 101 | 105 |
| Kent | 46 | 60 | W Yorkshire | 80 | 88 |
| Lancashire | 83 | 81 | Wiltshire | 21 | 29 |

An injury accident is one in which a person requires hospital treatment.



Mr Terry Waite at a Crisis at Christmas centre for the homeless in east London yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

# Britons fly out after spending spree

By Kenneth Gosling

This Christmas has seen one of the biggest spending sprees for years and now many Britons are heading for sunspots abroad to escape the chills of winter.

But according to the London Weather Centre they probably have nothing to worry about so far as sub-zero temperatures are concerned.

The odds are heavily against snow falling on Christmas Day. "Mild but unsettled", is the forecast. If a single snowflake falls in either London or Manchester on the 25th, William Hill, the bookmakers, stand to lose £50,000.

Travel companies estimated that more than 250,000 people would be flying out of Britain to destinations such as Spain, Majorca, the Canaries, Benidorm, and ski resorts.

In London, Victoria Coach Station reported that by the end of today, 60,000 passengers travelling on 900 coaches will have passed through the terminus. British Rail inter-city services will have carried a million passengers in the last three days. The rail network closes down at 10 o'clock tonight.

France's rail strike was causing problems and holidaymakers planning to travel there were advised to go via Ostend.

Plenty of country hotel Christmas breaks are being booked by people who enjoy traditional fare and blazing log fires, without the problems of clearing up.

**A thief without a conscience yesterday stole the ingredients for 250 Christmas dinners at Boscombe Hospital, Bournemouth, Dorset. The haul included six 18 lb turkeys, turkey breasts, 55 lb of bacon, 12 lb of chipolatas and 30 lb of sausages.**

Record takings have been reported by all the large stores. By the close of business tonight, Harrods said that they expected to have sold 100 tonnes of Christmas pudding, more than 17 miles of tinsel and 92 miles of ribbon.

Hamleys, one of the biggest toy stores in the world, reported sales up by 20 per cent on last year. The top seller is the radio-controlled car, but computerized cats and talking teddy bears also went well.

One man bought a petrol-driven, child-sized replica MG car for £4,900.

The boom was not being matched in the drink trade, even though port and sparkling wines were said to be selling well.

It was a record season for the Royal Mail. By the end of deliveries today, more than 1,400 million items will have been handled, which is 100 million up on last year.

All 300,000 children who wrote to Father Christmas in "Reindeer Land" received a reply.

Christmas for the Royal Family brings the traditional house party at Windsor Castle. The Queen went to Windsor last Friday, after seeing a preview of her televised Christmas message which is being broadcast on Christmas afternoon. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret arrived at Windsor yesterday and other members of the family arrive tomorrow.

The Queen stays at Windsor until Sunday when she and her family leave for the New Year break at Sandringham.

● Although pantomime was missing from the West End of London this year, some 200 regional theatres, under the wing of the Theatrical Management Association, reported good business. *Cinderella* is still the favourite, with *Jack and the Beanstalk* second, *Aladdin* and *Dick Whittington* joint third and *Peter Pan* fourth.

● A queue of homeless people were warmed with a Christmas meal and the genial smile of Mr Terry Waite, special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, when they turned up at a disused factory in east London yesterday.

They were there at the start of the week-long "Open Christmas", organized by the charity Crisis At Christmas, which expects to play host to several thousand such guests who would otherwise sleep rough over the festive period.

Visitors to the factory, in Verney Road, Rotherhithe, will receive the services of a barber, a chiropodist and medical staff as well as a change of clothes.

# Prices war could be smokers' joy

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Smokers could reap the benefit of a Christmas price war between Britain's tobacco manufacturers.

Within a few days three leading brands of cigarettes have had their prices slashed by up to 5p for a packet of 20.

These reductions come at a time when cheap foreign imports are appearing in growing numbers on supermarket shelves, turning smokers against the more expensive British brands.

The cheaper imported cigarettes have also prompted fears of job losses among production workers in British tobacco firms.

The price cuts have taken place against a background of falling sales, which in October were down 6 per cent over 12 months.

All the key manufacturers are playing down the prospect of a price war in cigarettes and none more so than those which have cut prices.

*Philip Morris, makers of* Marlboro, the world's best-selling cigarette, led the way with a 5p cut on its king-size packs to bring the price down to £1.45. Its lower tar Lights went down to £1.40.

Marlboro also cut 4p off a pack of Raffles, its most recently launched brand, which had been selling at £1.44 for 20.

Then Imperial Tobacco, Britain's biggest tobacco manufacturer, cut 5p off its John Player Special brand, reducing the price to £1.45.

For most of this decade the tobacco manufacturers have raised prices by about 2p a pack of 20 at the turn of the year, after a similar increase each summer.

There are several factors which look like changing the pattern, in addition to the slide in overall sales. Not only is this market decline squeezing the main brands but their scope has also been limited by the growth in cheap imports.

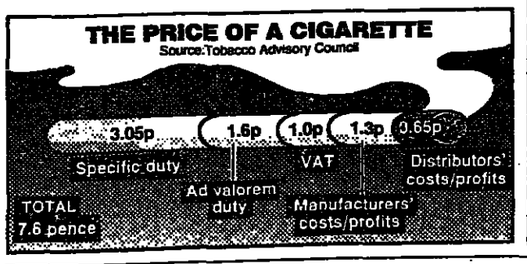
These have risen from 7 per cent of the market a year ago to 10 per cent. West German tobacco manufacturers with spare capacity have been supplying mainly supermarkets and distributive operations like Spar and Nurdin and Peacock with own-label products. These are being sold at prices about 20p below the main branded cigarettes.

The manufacturers blame the taxation rises of the Chancellor for creating the conditions in which the cheaper cigarettes are thriving.

But what could gear up the marketing battle through price cuts is the likelihood that the Chancellor, who added 11p to a pack of 20 in the last Budget, could add a fresh burden next year and drive more prices over the psychological barrier of £1.50 a pack.

The fear is that particularly cheap imports could grow further and that would mean the British makers could be faced with more closures and job cuts.

In three years, six tobacco factories have been closed and the Tobacco Advisory Council, the manufacturers' trade body, expects that jobs which numbered 27,500 in 1984 are likely to be down to 20,000 during next year.




# Drug gang exposed by hotelier

**The leader of a drug-trafficking gang who planned to smuggle cocaine from Peru to Britain was jailed for 20 years yesterday.**

**The 2.6 kg of cocaine found together with cash in an hotel bedroom used by Peter Duffy, aged 47, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, was thought to be the biggest inland seizure of the drug.**

**His deputy, Israel Jara, aged 34, a Spanish-speaking Peruvian, of no fixed address, was sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment, and four other members of the gang received sentences of up to 10 years at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd.**

**At the end of the trial Mr Robert Bradshaw, an hotel owner whose actions helped police catch the gang, was praised and given a £1,500 reward.**

**The court was told that Mr Bradshaw, of the Sutton Hall Hotel, near Macclesfield, became suspicious after he noticed a mis-spelt address used by Duffy.**

**He discovered that Jara had a false passport and alerted police. They found the cocaine and the money in a wardrobe.**

**The Home Secretary is to decide whether Jara, who is wanted for drug offences in Florida, should be deported.**

**Three men and a woman who supplied the cocaine in London were also jailed.**

**Loxley Hilton, aged 38, of Park Road, Westbourne Park, west London, unemployed, received a 10-year sentence and his girl friend, Margaret Condon, aged 35, of the same address, also unemployed, was jailed for five years.**

**Malcolm Jacobs, aged 46, a professional card player, of Park Crescent, central London, was jailed for five years.**

**All five had denied charges concerning the importation of £500,000 worth of cocaine into Britain in October 1985.**

**Another member of the gang, Geoffrey De Freitas, aged 28, of Fulham Road, south-west London, admitted supplying cocaine and gave evidence against the others. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.**

# BBC 'knew of cash for trucking film'

By Jonathan Miller
*Media Correspondent*

The BBC knew about money contributed by trucking interests to a film on road transport, the film's producer said yesterday.

The showing of the film was abruptly cancelled by the corporation last week.

Mr Jeff Perks, a director of Riverfront Pictures, of Wapping, east London, said the BBC had a copy of his agreement with the road haulage interests promising that the film would "increase public awareness of the trucking industry".

The film, *Night Moves*, was withdrawn from the BBC schedule two hours before it was to have been broadcast last Friday night. The BBC said the programme would not be shown until it was satisfied that financial arrangements had not violated the prohibition against broadcasting sponsored programmes.

The BBC said last night that the review of the programme arrangements would not be completed until after Christmas. "We postponed the transmission to give us time to clarify the exact relationship between the suppliers of some of the trucks and the source of the co-production funding brought in by the independent production company," it said.

Mr Perks denied making any agreement to portray any of the sponsors in a favourable light, although all those who contributed were promised a screen credit for their support.

All the sponsors had been shown a copy of the "treatment" for the film, a detailed outline that made it clear that the programme was to be a celebratory piece about trucks and the men and women who drive them, he acknowledged.

The film, part of the *Arena* series, was based on *Night Mail*, the 1936 film about the railways and included footage from that film. The BBC had complete editorial control of the film, he said.

Mr Perks said he had raised £75,000 from Volvo Trucks, Petrofina, Bandag Tyres, the Road Haulage Association, TNT Transport, Wincanton Transport, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and *Commercial Motor*, a trade magazine.

His company had taken a £10,750 commission and passed the rest to the BBC, which had contributed £75,000 to the production. Mr Perks said that he was paid £8,800 by the BBC for his 16 weeks of work on the film.

# Hindley still keen to help in moor search

Myra Hindley met her solicitor yesterday and told him that she is still determined to close the files on two missing children.

During their meeting at Cookham Wood Prison in Kent, Hindley and Mr Michael Fisher discussed her visit to Saddleworth Moor last week and the possibility of returning there next spring when the search resumes for the bodies of Pauline Reade, aged 16, and Keith Bennett, aged 12.

After the 90-minute meeting Mr Fisher said: "She has told me she is perfectly happy to go back up there if that is what is wanted by the police and the Home Office."

He said it would take some time for a second visit to be organized even if Home Office permission was given.

Mr Fisher, talking about the publicity sourrounding the visit, said: "She certainly found some of the stories that have been printed about her very upsetting.

"She accepts that there is a very strong public feeling against her, and that will be reflected through the media.

"But she does feel very defenceless and helpless against fabricated stories.

"Her main point about last week's visit is that it could have been so much better if there had been more time.

"It was at least half a day before she could get her bearings out on the open space like that, but later on in the afternoon she did recognize places.

"It would not have been possible to identify those areas from photographs and maps."


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# Portfolio Gold — Winner to help her daughters

**A housewife is the winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £8,000. There was no winner on Monday.**

**Mrs Joyce Eames, aged 52, from Foston, Derby, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.**

**"It is unbelievable to have won. I just can't take it in," she said.**

**When asked how she intended spending the prize money, Mrs Eames said: "My one daughter is getting married in the spring and the other one is a hard-up law student. I shall use the money to help them both."**

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Mrs Joyce Eames: could not believe her luck.

# £9,000 salary for 'Robinson Crusoe' type

**A search is on for a "Robinson Crusoe" to run Flat Holm, a tiny, almost circular, 50-acre island in the Bristol Channel.**

**South Glamorgan County Council is advertising for its *first warden to manage* the island's nature reserve and look after visitors to the new field studies centre.**

**The two-year appointment has an annual salary of about £9,000 and a home in an old converted farmhouse is included with thejob. The island is a half-hour boat trip from Barry, South Wales.**

**Dr David Worrall, Flat Holm project manager, said: "It would ideally suit a married couple because we are looking for all-round skills.**

**"The warden will have to be a jack-of-all-trades. Although the job will obviously attract someone interested in solitude, they will have to get on well with people. With all the visitors there won't be much time to get lonely."**

**Although low and rocky, Flat Holm has a rich history. Over the centuries it has been home to Danish pirates, monks and Victorian soldiers. In 1897, Marconi used it to send the first wireless message across water to nearby Lavernock Point on the Welsh mainland.**

**At present, three lighthouse keepers are the only residents.**

# Mother united with daughter after 31 years

A mother and daughter were reunited yesterday after 31 years apart.

Mrs Maria Graham, aged 53, of Hornsey, north London, was an unmarried mother when she gave up her baby daughter in Austria in 1955.

The daughter, now Mrs Linda Haynes, aged 31, lives in Colchester, Essex.

They met again after Mrs Graham told a Radio London phone-in programme how her mother had insisted the baby should be adopted. Mrs Haynes' husband Melvyn was listening and recognized his wife's description.

Mrs Haynes was adopted by an Army couple serving in Austria and Mrs Graham came to England, married and had six other children.

# Academics with a nose for Scotch

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

**When whisky drinkers raise a glass this Christmas, they may like to include a toast to Dr John Piggott. For his research should ensure that favoured brands of Scotch retain the mellow, smooth, peaty or rugged quality that attracts the connoisseur to a particular blend.**

**Dr Piggott and his team at Strathclyde University may appear to have one of the country's most envied research projects. Every day in the laboratory they test perhaps a dozen or more brands of Scotch whisky as part of a big research contract on behalf of one of the world's largest distillers.**

**The task is to help to ensure that Scotland's most famous export arrives tasting as it has always done. No matter that it is blended from up to 40 different whiskies.**

**But not a drop of the beverage passes the lips of Dr Piggott and his volunteer panel of food scientists. They only smell, or "nose the whisky", during 15-minute daily sessions in the Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology. In fact, the university team is testing the testers.**

**The scientists have developed a "scoring" system to characterize different whisky tastes. It is made up of the combined smell reactions of the panel.**

**In principle, that enables any whisky flavour to be permanently recorded. At present whisky producers depend heavily on the "flavour memory" of the blender.**

**"Sometimes over the years his memory for taste may drift, and the flavour of the whisky will change," Dr Piggott says.**

**Scent and taste are regarded as "overlapping" senses, and the researchers have compiled a vocabulary of 24 words to describe the taste.**

**Some of the Dr Piggott's descriptions sound more appropriate to confectionery. A favourite whisky, Lang's Supreme, he describes as "cream and apple pie, vanillary smooth, almost creamy with a slightly fruity background".**

**Descriptions range from grainy, malty and nutty to mouldy, soapy, meaty and fishy. In their terms, some whiskies "taste fruity (like nail varnish), or grassy (like putting your head inside a dustbin full of grass), or even catty (the smell of tom cats)". Each whisky is given a score of about six of the descriptive words.**

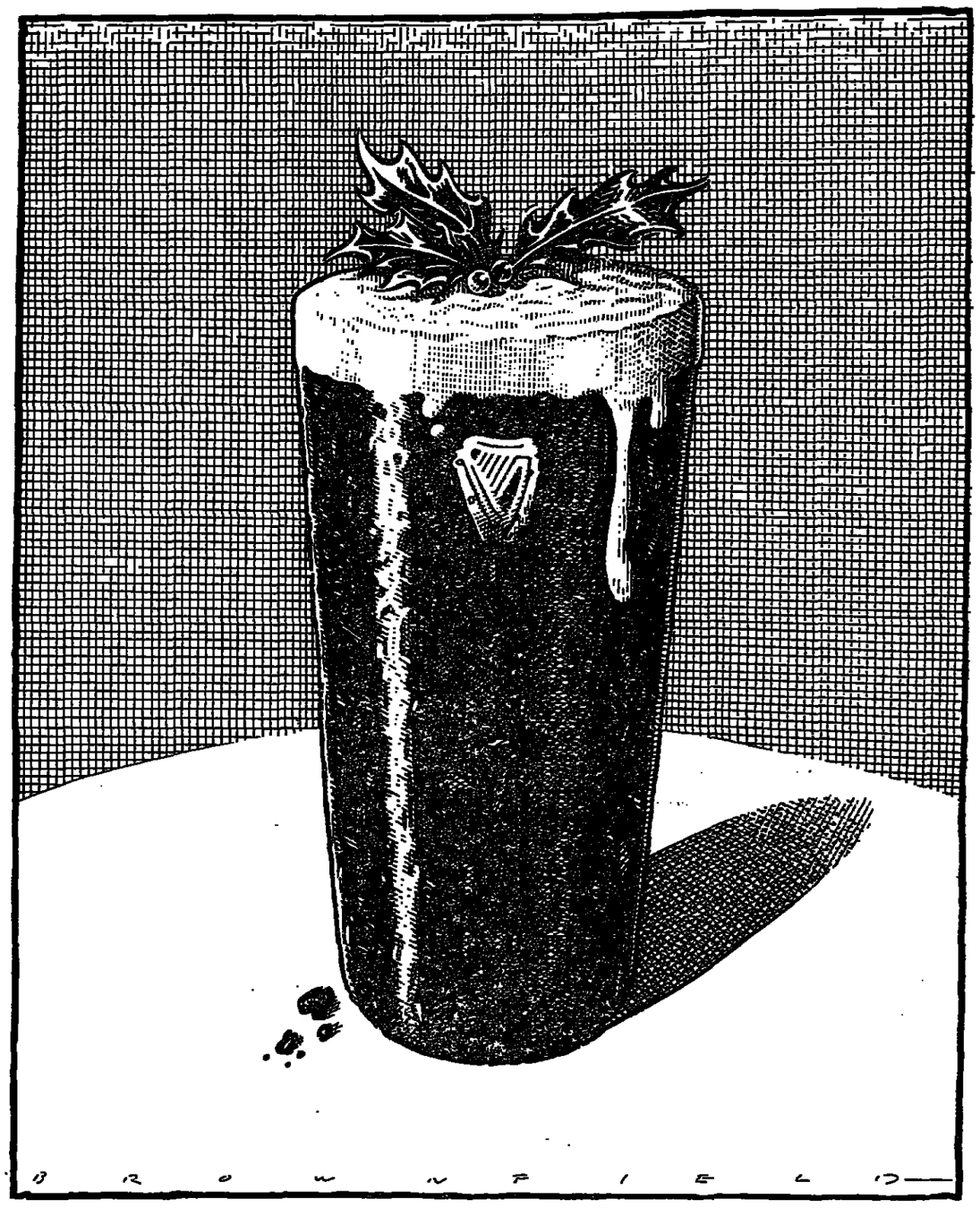
**It is not tasted, as wine is, because up to 1,000 whiskys may have to be considered in a day. The alcoholic vapour alone would be enough to buckle the knees.**

**The "nosers" sit in red-lit cubicles; the red lighting prevents them identifying the colour and thus the brand. The system can be used for almost any food.**

**The researchers caution drink buyers:**

**● Watch out for counterfeit Scotch, particulary abroad. On holiday in Greece, Dr Piggott found a "quite plausible" whisky bottled in "London, Scotland". Other fakes may be made in India, Korea, Taiwan and Nigeria.**

**● Even Scottish distillers may not be above "a little bit of cheating", particularly on claims about how their whisky is made. Quality may vary in some whiskies.**




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# Parents of children who gamble plan new support groups

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Parents worried about children who lie, cheat and steal in order to gamble, are planning to increase the number of groups set up for mutual support. Groups have already been formed in five towns and cities.

Another two groups are planned and others may follow wherever a need emerges.

A spokesman for Gamblers' Anonymous said that research by Exeter University showed that 80 per cent of two classes of children aged 14 were playing machines. The average age for starting to play was nine.

The Rev Gordon Moody, honorary founder and patron of Gamblers' Anonymous, said that not all were playing excessively, but some children become addicted. "They gamble away their dinner money. This begins before they are 13.

"By 13, they are pretty sure to be stealing from parents and brothers and sisters and grandparents and things are disappearing out of the house."

By the time they reached age 16, handbags and wallets could not safely be left around the house and some rooms had to be locked.

"From 16, they are likely to have policemen knocking at the door. By 18 they may have served custodial sentences. The whole home is devastated by this.

"They sell everything they have: mini-computers, radios and record players and toys. I dare say some clothes go with them."

Trouble is caused with other children in the family and parents do not know whether an ordinary request for money is, in fact, for gambling.

Mr Moody said that he started a group called Parents of Young Gamblers because children were not getting what they needed from Gamblers' Anonymous.

The idea is to help parents adjust to a gambling child and help each other to live through the period he or she is going to be at home.

"There is nothing you can do to stop a child gambling unless it wants to, especially when it is older, say past 14," Mr Moody said.

More concern is expressed by the Amusement Arcade Action Group, which has more than 20 London boroughs and a number of city and district councils among its nationwide membership.

It sees under-age gambling as one of the problems associated with amusement arcades and centres. They are often too near schools, churches and residential areas, the group said.

The group was formed to campaign for a strengthening of the laws relating to amusement arcades and centres to enable local authorities to control their proliferation and operation.

"Amusement arcades and centres are the only form of gambling where there is no age limit on participation. Children of all ages can freely play in them", the group said.

The group is also campaigning against video strip-poker machines, which, it claims, are appearing in pubs and clubs around the country. The group wants the video machines to have the same licensing controls as gaming machines. Video strip poker is played with a 10p piece, which may result in a girl taking clothes off.

Mr Alan Willis, general secretary of the British Amusement Catering Trades Association, said that after the need for action was expressed at the association's annual meeting a year ago, the American company concerned agreed not to export the machines to the United Kingdom.

That was about eight months ago. A small number had come in, but the association was satisfied that no more were being imported, Mr Willis said. The association was against game programmes which involved pornography or video nasties.

Attacking the action group's general campaign, Mr Willis said: "Our view is that the Gaming Act is perfectly adequate to cover the operation of amusement arcades, provided local authorities exercise their powers correctly."

The type of machine operated was restricted by law to amusement with prizes; by law the level of prize was controlled in such a way that amusement dominated it. "For that reason we don't see these as hard gaming machines but purely as amusement with trivial prizes."



John Timpson, left, pictured with co-presenter Brian Redhead, will this morning make his final broadcast as host of the popular BBC Radio 4 news programme *Today*. He is moving back to Norfolk, where he will write a column for the regional daily newspaper, but will continue to appear on the *Any Questions* radio programme (Photograph: Graham Wood).

# Ban urged on 'risky' child care booklet

By Jill Sherman

Two more children's organizations yesterday joined the National Deaf Children's Society in their attempt to get a booklet on preventive child health withdrawn.

The society has claimed that the booklet, *Handbook of Preventive Care for Pre-school children*, is so inaccurate that children could be put seriously at risk if the guidance is followed.

It is intended as a guide for GPs and was written by the British Medical Association (BMA) and the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Mr Harry Cayton, director of the society, said that at least five sections in the chapter on speech and hearing give wrong advice about testing for speech defects at an early age, and would discourage doctors from seeking specialist advice.

"The crucial age for speech development is six months to three years. If hearing defects are diagnosed after this period this will result in developmental delay and a possible permanent language problem," he said.

He has written to Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, asking him to put pressure on the BMA and the Royal College to withdraw the book.

Yesterday the National Children's Bureau and the Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children said that other sections on vision and physical and mental development were also inaccurate.

Dr Ron Davie, director of the National Children's Bureau, said: "Our feeling is that the book should be withdrawn immediately. It does a disservice to children by failing to give accurate advice to general practitioners." The BMA said yesterday that the booklet was being revised and comments were being taken into account. But it gave a warning that sending more children to specialists at an earlier age would only lengthen waiting lists for paediatric ear, nose and throat specialists.

Mr Cayton said yesterday: "We are very concerned that the BMA is using inadequacies of existing services for the inaccuracies in their booklet. If this is an admission on its part that the booklet is inaccurate, why hasn't it already been withdrawn?"

# Hospital suspends Aids protester

Health chiefs have suspended a worker at Sheffield's Royal Hallamshire Hospital, after she refused to handle blood samples because of the Aids scare.

The woman, a laboratory worker, refused to carry out tests after she complained that there was not enough information on safe handling.

Although the samples were not thought to be contaminated with the Aids virus, she claimed that she and other staff could be at risk.

A spokesman for the local government union, Nalgo, to which the women belongs, said: "She has worked at the hospital for 13 years, but has become unhappy about handling blood samples because of the recent publicity about Aids.

"She has a genuine concern. She is not just being awkward."

A hospital spokesman said: "All the woman's questions on safety had been answered but she still refused to do the work and has been suspended on full pay.

"This is a routine job, carried out by three other people in her department and numerous other people in hospitals throughout Sheffield."

● Police were yesterday searching for Glynn Williams, aged 23, an Aids sufferer, who escaped through a window at Rawtenstall police station, Lancashire, wearing only a white paper disposable suit.

A police spokesman said that Mr Williams, from Manchester, was being questioned about a burglary. He had not been charged.

"Inquiries revealed that he was an Aids sufferer," he said.

Mr Williams was consulting the duty solicitor in the ground floor interview room of the police station.

"He picked up a small filing cabinet, threw it through the glass window and climbed out.

"When he escaped, he was bare-footed and wearing a one-piece white disposable paper suit."

The spokesman emphasized that Mr Williams was not wearing this because of his Aids condition. It was because his clothes were undergoing forensic examination.

"Rather than stand around with nothing on, he was given the suit," the spokesman said.

"No special operation has been mounted to find him. Mr Williams is being treated as an ordinary escapee."

# Sergeant jailed for fabrication

A policeman who invented evidence was yesterday jailed at Leeds Crown Court for three years.

A jury took 20 minutes to convict Sergeant Robert Lawson on four counts of acting with intent to pervert the course of justice.

Judge Hurwitz told him: "When a police officer chooses to turn himself into an instrument of vengeance, not only does he become a bad officer but also an extremely dangerous one from the public point of view.

"I find myself in a position of not merely punishing you but having to make it very clear to other police officers that a very serious view is taken of this sort of behaviour.

"You have disgraced your uniform. More than that you have brought disgrace inevitably upon the police force of which you claim to be so proud. It is difficult to think of conduct by a police sergeant of a graver nature."

The court heard that Lawson, aged 34, who denied the charges, fabricated interviews with two men then instructed junior officers to corroborate the evidence.

Lawson, of Horbury, West Yorkshire, ripped the tunic of a constable then invented confessions of assaulting a police officer by one of the men.

He wrongly arrested the second man for being drunk and disorderly and Lawson, who was based at Wood Street station in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, again fabricated admissions.

In court he consistently denied behaving improperly and said his notes of the interviews were a true record of what had happened.

The judge told him: "Nothing in this case is more serious than the involvement by you of junior officers in what you were doing".

It was those officers who had reported Lawson to their superiors.

## Farming surpluses: 3

# Casting doubt over value of forestry

*In his third and final article John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, asks whether it would be in the national interest to invest in a large-scale afforestation programme.*

A few days ago the Auditor General put the cat among some already none too complacent pigeons by issuing a report casting doubt on whether a national forestry programme was economically justified.

It clearly came as a shock to the forestry industry which, though well accustomed to attacks by conservationists, has all along claimed that it is creating a valuable national asset with important benefits to employment and to the balance of payments.

More recently it has been able to offer a productive alternative use for farmland which, for one reason or another, will no longer be economic to cultivate.

The report, although an official government publication, appeared to be largely based on an accompanying report by a private company of consultants which reached some curiously sweeping conclusions, notably that "there are no important environmental, balance of payments or strategic considerations which justify the acceptance of a low rate of return on new investment in state forestry".

Equally contentious was its argument that, because forestry investment was not directed at the inner cities where unemployment was highest, and because it created relatively few jobs in the early stages, it could not be seen as cost-effective in employment terms.

It suggested that because unemployment was now higher in urban than in rural areas, government funds should be redirected, although the authors failed to specify what sort of projects they had in mind.

Their decidedly "dry" accountants' assessment of the benefits of forestry is challenged by Mr Jack Boddy, secretary of the agricultural workers' section of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Last month he expressed concern at moves by conservationists to curtail forestry development which, he said, could have a serious effect on employment prospects.

"Forestry is the one area in the countryside where there is any prospect of expansion of jobs," he said. "Investment in forestry, whether in the public or private sector, means jobs, improved services, better housing and all the benefits which those people living in an urban environment already enjoy."

In contrast the Auditor General's report was warmly welcomed by Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

To him it vindicated the council's claim that "far from being economic from the nation's viewpoint, present patterns of afforestation are decidedly uneconomic and attractive financially only to certain investors and state foresters because of the various incentives provided by the taxpayer".

Mr Grove-White clearly derived more satisfaction from the Auditor General than from the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities. The committee earlier this month found in favour of continuing tax concessions and of exempting forestry from planning controls.

But their lordships also suggested that more better-quality land should be planted in the lowlands to supplement present afforestation in the uplands.

That finds an echo in the Auditor General's report which observes that lowland woods and forests, where agriculture no longer claims priority, would provide both a better financial return and more amenity and recreational advantages than the wilder reaches of the kingdom.

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# Peace plea to football rivals

**Manchester United and Liverpool football clubs are uniting in a special Christmas message to end the bitter rivalry between fans and bring peace to the terraces.**

**When the Manchester United coach arrives at Anfield on Boxing Day, on board will be Mr Bob Paisley, the former manager of Liverpool and the most successful manager in the club's history.**

**His embarkation from the opposition team's coach will be in stark contrast to the incident last February when several United players were affected by gas sprayed in their faces as they left their vehicle.**

**Tradition will be swept aside to allow both teams of the internationally renowned clubs to take the field side by side, led by opposition mascots to alternative ends of the ground where fans are massed.**

**Liverpool players will kick footballs autographed by the United players into the visiting fans' terraces while the Manchester team will shower the famous Kop at Anfield with footballs signed by the home team.**

**The peace offerings are part of a well planned strategy to end years of enmity between supporters of the clubs.**

**Talks aimed at diffusing the rivalry have involved the managers and senior executives from both clubs. Directors are acutely disturbed by escalating terrace violence and are determined to bring it to an end.**

**Mr Peter Robinson, Liverpool's chief executive, said: "It is no good burying our heads in the sand, something has to be done and we thought the Boxing Day venue would be a good start".**

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# Player on bail

Terrence Evans, aged 21, a Brentford footballer, of Jubilee Drive, South Ruislip, west London, who is accused of assaulting a woman at a night club, was remanded on bail until January 20 at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court yesterday.

# Stolen car abandoned on line derails train

Joyriders who abandoned a stolen car on a railway line were responsible for a derailment yesterday.

An empty four-carriage train hit the car at Winchfield Station, on the line between Basingstoke and Addlestone.

Police said that nobody was hurt in the accident, which happened as the 4.47am train was travelling towards Addleston, Surrey.

"They must be lunatics; they could have killed scores of people", a spokesman said. The car appeared to have been driven on to the platform of the tiny station and down the concrete ramp on to the track.

The car, a Ford Cortina, had been stolen a few hours earlier from a garage at Hartley Wintney, near Basingstoke, Hampshire.

British Rail said: "It is the main Exeter line into London and is obviously very busy.

There could have been a terrible tragedy; a lot of express passenger trains use the line."

There are four lines through the station and the accident caused chaos for commuters. There were track closures and delays.


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WORLD SUMMARY

# Polish church told to curb priests

Warsaw – The Catholic Church should smooth the way for a new papal pilgrimage to Poland by curbing priests who deliver outspoken anti-Communist sermons, the Polish Government declared yesterday (Roger Boyes writes).

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said that the church should strive to create "the appropriate atmosphere" for the Pope's visit in June. That meant keeping a firm grip on the use of the pulpit to deliver homilies critical of the government and of the Communist system.

The Church leadership is not likely to take much notice of that warning, which falls significantly short of being a precondition for the papal pilgrimage. After a meeting on Monday between the Polish primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, and the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, it is clear that the Pope's visit will go ahead anyway.

However, as the government indicated yesterday, the full itinerary has yet to be worked out; it should be ready before General Jaruzelski visits the Vatican on January 15. The main problem is still whether the Pope should be allowed to visit Gdansk, birthplace of Solidarity, and hold the inevitable round of controversial discussions with Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed trade union.

Other stops on the papal tour have been agreed, including Lublin, Warsaw, Czestechowa, and Lodz, according to Church sources.

## Sailor missing

Gibraltar – Concern is growing over the fate of an 18-year-old British sailor, Simon Parkes, reported missing by HMS Illustrious when the aircraft carrier called at Gibraltar 13 days ago (Dominique Searle writes).

Both the military and local police have carried out extensive searches of the Rock's cliffs, caves and tunnels using helicopters and climbing parties, but no trace has been found. Although his passport remains on board, he may have crossed into Spain via the frontier.

## Price of terror

Bonn – Helmut Pohl, aged 42, a Red Army Faction terrorist, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for a bomb attack on a US Air Force base in West Germany in August 1981 which injured 17 people (John England writes).

His accomplice, Stefan Frey, aged 26, was sentenced to 4½ years' jail. Both men were also found guilty of being members of a terrorist organization and forging identity documents after a trial in a heavily-guarded courtroom lasting 11 months.

## Back in the fold



Valletta – Malta's House of Representatives has resolved to rejoin the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, after an absence of three years (Austin Sammut writes).

The withdrawal had been in protest against the association's lack of support in Malta's dispute with Britain, since settled, over wartime wrecks and bombs in local waters.

During the same sitting, the Prime Minister, Dr Carmelo Bonnici, right, moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Constitution, which would entrench the priaciple that the party winning 50 per cent of all valid votes in general elections would be assured of a majority of seats in the House.

## Eyadema the man

Lomé (Reuter) – President Gnassingbe Eyadema was overwhelmingly elected to rule Togo for another seven years in Sunday's single-candidate poll.

He received 99.95 per cent of votes cast in an almost 99 per cent turn-out.

## Israel silent

Rome – Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, has asked the Israeli authorities about allegations made by Mr Mordechai Vanunu that he had been kidnapped in Rome (Peter Nichols writes). He said that the Israelis were "entrenched behind a no comment".

## Petition for Czechs

A petition addressed to the Czechoslovak President, Dr Gustav Husak, which calls for the release of the imprisoned Council of the Jazz Section of the Czech Musicians' Union, is today being handed to the Czechoslovak Embassy in London (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The petition, signed by leading members of the musical profession, distinguished composers, and jazz and pop musicians, demands the release from prison of eight Jazz Section members, who were arrested in September after they became increasingly popular with young Czechs.

Among the signatories are Sir Michael Tippett, Bob Geldof, Paul McCartney, Peter Maxwell Davies, Simon Rattle, Sir Charles Groves, Elton John, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Ronnie Scott.

Swazi raids defended

# South Africa refuses to allow visit by US congressmen

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South Africa's relationships with the West appear to have deteriorated further.

It has refused to allow two US congressional groups to visit the country early next month and Mr R F "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, has given a stinging defence of recent raids into Swaziland to capture African National Congress suspects.

Mr Botha said planned "fact-finding" missions by 33 US congressmen, planned to take place between January 8 and 12, would be barred.

One of the missions was to be led by Mr Howard Wolpe, the chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Relations Sub-Committee, an important architect of sanction measures passed by Congress but resisted by President Reagan.

Mr Botha said of Mr Wolpe: "I cannot think of a greater enemy of South Africa, even in the Kremlin."

And of the raids into Swaziland in which four people were abducted – two of them, Swiss Nationals, were last week freed and flown back – and a teenage boy was killed, he said: "I am not tonight in a mood to defend it or not to defend it. They planned devilish plans . . . and it did not matter.

"We would have taken them even it had been in London, understand it very well." Mr Botha said after his return from talks in Swaziland with Mr Sotja Dlamini, the Prime Minister.

He made it clear that one of the main objections to the congressional missions was that the US Government had asked for landing rights for an American military aircraft – part of the American sanctions package bars South African Airways flights to and from New York.

Mr Botha said: "How can I let them fly by American military aircraft here to my country just after they denied landing rights to our local commercial aircraft company?"

However, yesterday Mr Botha's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced it would grant over-flying and landing rights early next year to a US military plane due to make a flight entailing "diplomatic activities" – providing the US gave permission for a similar South African flight.

Mr Botha said that although the congressional "fact-finding" missions were barred any congressman among them who had not voted for sanctions was welcome to visit.

Of the attacks into Swaziland and the subsequent release of the two abducted Swiss Nationals, he said that it was simply a matter of practical politics to let them go.

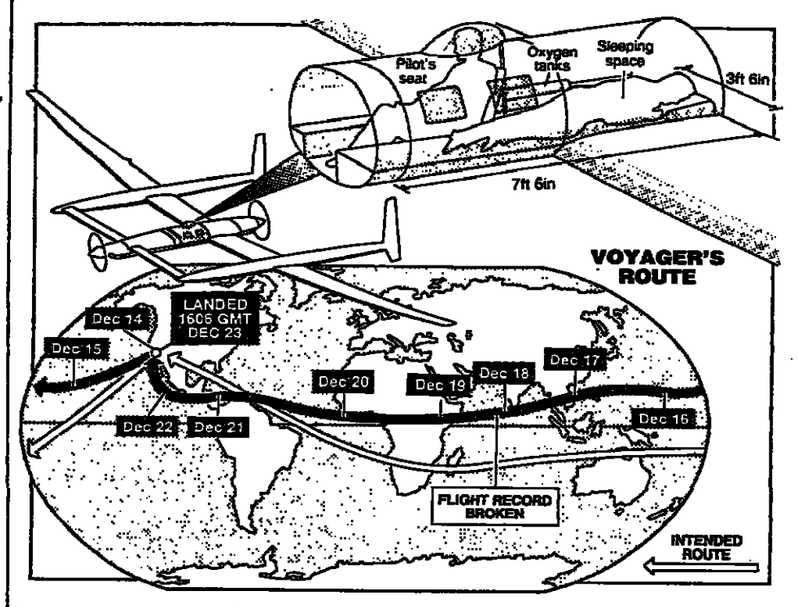
There have been suggestions that the Foreign Affairs Ministry was unaware of the military action but Mr Botha made it clear this was not the case and that he had known about and endorsed the action and would do it again. "I accept full responsibility together with my colleagues for it," he said.

South Africa's non-aggression pact with Swaziland was not applicable in this instance, he said, adding that in the past the Swazis were criticized for working with Pretoria.

"So we really did them a favour by not working with them," said Mr Botha. "And they can now say they got a few people back because of their good relations with us. It's that simple."

● **Campaign support wavers:** Black township residents are wavering over calls to switch off their lights today in protest against emergency laws after the killing of at least five people by mystery gangs dubbed "the Russians".

# Round the world in a phone kiosk




Washington – Life in the telephone kiosk-sized cockpit of Voyager for the pilots, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, was not only spartan but also full of bruises, anxiety, lack of sleep and fatigue (Mohsin Ali writes).

Even breathing became a chore, and they often were forced to use oxygen.

For exercise the two pilots used an elastic rubber device on their joints. For hygiene, they used alcohol-based skin and hair cleansers.

They took only one change of clothing but several changes of underwear.

Meals were practically tasteless. They were precooked in sealed packages and heated on a rear-engine radiator. An immersion heater was used for liquids, and the daily menu was high carbohydrate dishes like chicken, soup and high protein snacks.

Voyager took 11 gallons of water weighing 88 lb, stored in individual plastic bags holding about one cup each.

Violent protests on Pakistan's North-West Frontier

# Rioting in Karachi brings backlash from Pathans

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

There has been a violent reaction in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province and adjoining Pathan areas to last week's riots in Karachi between Pathans and immigrants from India.

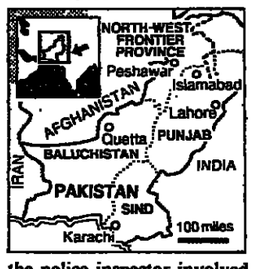
Begum Wali Khan, wife of the leader of the Pakistan National Party, has claimed that the Karachi riots were engineered to force the estimated one million Pathans living in the city to return to their province.

The Pakistan National Party is reported to have organized violent demonstrations in Bajaur Agency and Dir for three days running.

Demonstrators in Bajaur Agency were reported to have uprooted electricity and telephone poles and blocked a main highway for about seven hours last Sunday. They demanded death for the killers of Pathans in Karachi.

In Lahore, for the first time in Pakistan's chequered parliamentary history, a police officer was imprisoned by the Punjab Assembly for slapping a member of the assembly during a routine road traffic check.

The assembly took up the issue of breach of privilege and adopted a resolution that




the police inspector involved should be sent to jail for the period the assembly remained in session.

Meanwhile, considerable interest has been focused on the conference called by General Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's President and Army chief, of men of distinction from different walks of life tomorrow. It is to identify the nation's most pressing problem and recommend ways of dealing with it.

Although General Zia restored civilian parliamentary rule after nine years of martial law, he has frequently expressed his disapproval of it, describing it as alien and unsuited to the Islamic genius of the Pakistani nation.

There are also reports of differences of opinion between the mullahs who reportedly enjoy the support of General Zia and the civilian Government on the reforms needed to transform the country's politics, judiciary and society to an Islamic form.

A Bill seeking to bring this about is before the Lower House of Parliament. It has already been adopted in the Upper House amid protests by fundamentalist clergy and politicians.

# Islamabad optimism on Russia

From Our Correspondent Islamabad

Two newspaper editors, known to enjoy the confidence of officials in Pakistan's Foreign Office, have predicted better relations between Pakistan and the Soviet Union and a settlement to the Afghanistan occupation.

In a bylined front-page article in Lahore's *The Nation* on Monday, its editor reported that, as a result of the conciliatory attitude towards Pakistan of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, and successful talks in Moscow earlier this month by Mr Abdul Sattar, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary, the policy-makers in Islamabad believe Moscow is serious in seeking good-neighbourly relations with Pakistan.

On the same day, the editor of *The Muslim*, the Islamabad English-language daily, said in a bylined front-page report: "Mr Sattar's mission to Moscow may well have paved the way for a rapprochment between the two estranged neighbours. There is little doubt that both Moscow and Islamabad are doing some hard thinking on their attitudes, interests and objectives in changing regional political context".

It is noteworthy that the editors' articles appeared at a time when Mr Stephen Solarz, chairman of the US Congress Committee on Asia and Pacific Foreign Affairs, was on a visit to here following a request by Pakistan to Washington for a second six-year military and economic aid package of $4 billion to start from July next year.

**Dr Najib, leader of Afghanistan's Communist Party, was yesterday elevated to become the country's President, Kabul radio reported. He replaces Mr Babrak Karmal, who resigned on November 20 for "health reasons".**

# Christmas chaos in France as railway strike goes on

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

A hardening of attitudes has marked the breakdown of negotiations on the five-day transport strike which has paralysed many parts of France.

After a decision by the three main railway workers' unions not to accept proposals made by the management of the state-owned railways, Christmas holidaymakers were stranded all over France yesterday.

The situation on the Paris Metro, during the second day of an announced three-day strike, worsened with 35 per cent of underground trains running, in comparison with nearly 50 per cent on Monday.

The railways management had brought forward salary negotiations scheduled for January to Monday night in an effort to calm the situation. However, the main union leaders refused to accept the 1.7 per cent pay rise, plus bonuses, offered for 1987.

Negotiations broke down at 2 am yesterday when management stated that other complaints on working conditions would be discussed early next year.

The Government, which has officially not intervened in the negotiations, is not willing to go above the limit set by its austerity wages policy. The railways offer was in line with similar offers made recently to other public sector workers.

As a show of force gets under way, the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, is obviously hoping that public hostility to this Christmas-time strike will cause the strikers to back down. While passengers have shown a remarkable degree of tolerance, people whose commercial interests are being hit are beginning to protest.

Ski resorts are complaining that, when they have snow at Christmas for once, railway workers have managed to sabotage their interests by blocking the arrival of tourists.

Lack of Metro and suburban trains in Paris means that Christmas shopping has suffered. The large Printemps department store says its trade has dropped 30 to 40 per cent since Monday.

Striking railway workers are seeing their position being undermined by local authorities, which are rapidly setting up alternative transport by coach.

President Mitterrand obviously does not feel that the situation warrants his presence over Christmas. Following a meeting yesterday morning with M Chirac and the Defence Minister, M André Giraud, on the question of Chad, he took off for a few days in Egypt as the guest of President Mubarak.

# Tamil guerrillas agree to one-day ceasefire

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Sri Lanka's security forces and Tamil guerrillas fighting for a separate state have agreed to a ceasefire on Christmas Day.

The response from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the main guerrilla group, was positive to a call by Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, Sri Lanka's Minister of National Security, for a ceasefire tomorrow.

The Right Rev Swithin Fernando, the Bishop of Colombo, had earlier called for a ceasefire during the festive week.

The truce on Christmas Day came amid speculation that the Sri Lanka Government was considering negotiating directly with the LTTE, which has now emerged as the most dominant of the guerrilla groups.

Last week there was a swap of two soldiers held by the LTTE for two guerrillas held by the Army, the first such reported incident since the beginning of the guerrilla war in the early 1980s.

National Security Ministry sources said that the Sri Lanka Government is wondering whether direct talks may be more successful than those through India, the "honest broker", since concessions are always made by the Sri Lanka Government and not by the guerrillas.

"Even Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, is on record as saying that the proposals of the Sri Lanka Government are good, but the Indian ministers who visited Colombo last week are asking for more concessions, while the Tamil terrorists have not budged from their demands," the source said.

# Right-wing judiciary challenged

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan's six-year drive to give the American judiciary a distinct conservative ideology is about to be brought to an abrupt halt by the Democratic Party.

Under new plans the Democrats, who next month take control of the Senate, will conduct long and exhaustive investigations into the President's nominations for the bench, thereby making the confirmation hearings as difficult as possible for Mr Reagan.

Strictly speaking, a judges' political credentials should not influence a nomination. But under Mr Reagan they have become highly relevant: for example, the President would seldom nominate a judge who openly advocated the right to abortion.

The Democrats are anxious to avoid being accused of blocking nominations mainly on partisan grounds, although that is what they intend to do.

The heart of their new vetting procedure will be the formation of an all-Democrat unit to hold hearings on all judicial nominations before they go to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is about to get a Democrat majority of between six and eight in any case.

In the past six years the committee has been little more than a rubber stamp for Mr Reagan, and his hundreds of judicial appointments have had a long-term impact on the ideology of the federal courts.

## Clever footwork



Just the thing for the French armchair politician . . . these "cohabitation slippers", carrying portraits of the socialist President Mitterrand, left, and M Jacques Chirac, the conservative Prime Minister, are £15 the pair in Paris.

# Israeli Cabinet backs off austerity scheme

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

After two Cabinet sessions of nearly ten hours each, Mr Moshe Nissim, the Israeli Finance Minister, has failed to win approval for a second austerity programme which he claims is vital to maintain the country's economic recovery.

Instead of passing his budget, which calls for across-the-board government spending cuts totalling 500 million shekels (£250 million), the Cabinet approved forming two groups of ministers, one to deal with the budget, the other to try to negotiate tax changes with unions and employers.

The special Budget Committee includes Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, and Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister. Apart from Mr Nissim, the only other member is Mr Gad Yaacobi, the Economics Minister. The tax committee comprises Mr Peres and Mr Nissim alone.

Both groups are due to report back over the next ten days, but all the signs are that Mr Nissim will be allowed only half of the budget cuts he has been seeking.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister who has been a main opponent of the plan, swung considerable support behind him during the second session, which ended early yesterday morning.

Bill will pardon Argentine officers

# Congress anxious to close judicial file on 'dirty war'

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

The Argentine Congress was set to give final approval yesterday to a controversial laws that would end judicial proceedings against military officers accused of human rights violations during the former dictatorship's "dirty war" against terrorism.

The measure was virtually assured of approval in the Chamber of Deputies, where the governing Radical Party enjoys a majority. The Bill was approved by the Senate on Monday night by a 25-10 vote after more than eight hours of debate.

The proposal, introduced by President Alfonsin two weeks ago, set a 60-day time limit in which to bring new indictments against military officers before the courts. At the end of that period no new charges of human rights violations could be filed against any former or present military officer.

As Argentine courts take their yearly holiday during January, the time available for prosecutors to get any new indictment will be about half of that stated in the law. As a result, no big new cases are expected to come to trial once the legislation takes effect.

Señor Alfonsín has fought hard to have the measure approved, saying repeatedly in recent days that his Government was ready to pay any political price for what he considers an essential step in the long process of national reconciliation after a decade of armed subversion by urban guerrillas and state-sponsored terrorism to combat it.

The Government's original proposal has been amended to include civilians who participated in subversive acts against the Government in the early 1970s.

It excludes cases involving children who were kidnapped along with their parents and are now among the more than 9,000 people who disappeared during the military fight against terrorism.

"The suspicions towards the members of the armed forces should stop, it is the only manner of integrating the men in arms into the society," said Senator Antonio Berhongaray, resuming one of the Government's main arguments.

He added that, in all of the previous human rights trials during this century, including Nuremberg, only a few top officers had been tried.

"We all want reconciliation, but those members of the military who did not honour the institution must be punished," said Senator Luis Rubeo, speaking for the Peronists, Argentina's main opposition party.

Other Peronist senators charge that the measure was an amnesty in disguise and called it unconstitutional because it gave the military privileged treatment

The Bill is strongly opposed by human rights organizations who last Friday gathered more than 50,000 people in a protest march. Despite the large turnout, however, the majority of Argentines appear ambivalent about an issue that has now been in the public eye for three years.

Only 200 people protested in front of the Congress building on Monday night during the Senate debate.

The situation here is in sharp contrast to the one in Uruguay, where early on Monday morning, Congress approved an amnesty Bill for military and police officers as thousands of Urugnayans took to the streets of the capital of Montevideo and other cities in loud protest.

Unlike Uruguay, where the amnesty Bill was passed to avoid a threatened military rebellion, Argentine civilian courts have convicted 10 former high-ranking military officers, including two former Presidents, to jail terms ranging from four years to life imprisonment for human rights violations committed during the 1976-83 dictatorship.

The Bill before Congress will have no effect on judicial proceedings already under way, with at least two important human rights trials scheduled for next year.


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# New Zealand troops to pull out of Singapore base within three years

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand is to withdraw within three years its infantry battalion which has been based in Singapore for more than 30 years, Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said yesterday.

This will leave the Australian Air Force presence in Butterworth, Malaysia, as the only outside presence in the region, although Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore are still linked in the Five-Power Defence Arrangement.

Mr Lange, defending his Government's decision, said that it would not weaken in any way Australia's case to maintain its presence, as Australia was a good deal closer to the region.

But his Government, in reassessing its defence commitments, had decided that the main thrust of future defence policies should be directed towards the security of the immediate area — New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Mr Lange said that he had carefully considered the signals which would be sent by the decision to withdraw the battalion, which has been in Singapore since the Malaysian emergency in 1955.

He rejected suggestions that the move, coming on top of his Government's ban on visits by nuclear armed and powered warships, would be seen as a further withdrawal from the Western alliance.

The move had been fully discussed with, and was understood by, allies, including the British. Having withdrawn from Singapore some years ago, Britain was scarcely in a position to bring any injunction for New Zealand to remain, he said.

While withdrawal of the Singapore battalion has been New Zealand Labour Party policy for many years, Mr Lange had argued since coming to power in 1984 that the move had to be taken when the time was right and when it did not send the wrong signals.

It was being taken now because the Government was reassessing defence requirements.

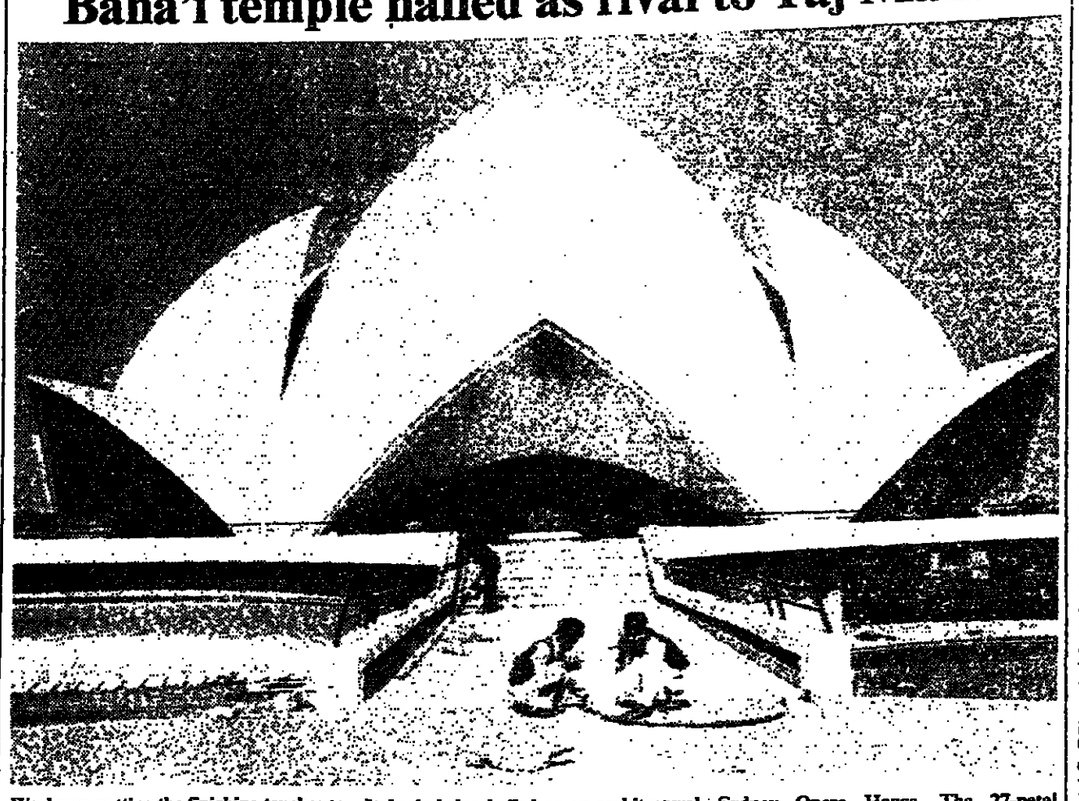
"We shall maintain bilateral defence relationships with Singapore and Malaysia," he said. "New Zealand will remain an active member of the Five-Power Defence Arrangement, and we shall be discussing with our future partners our future contribution . . . "

Mr Lange said that the withdrawal was "acceptable" to Singapore and had been discussed with Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, when he visited Wellington a fortnight ago.

While a withdrawal a few years ago would have been a critical move for the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), the breathing space meant there was less urgency for the permanent stationing of the battalion, Mr Lange said. A small military liaison post will remain.

● **SINGAPORE:** Singapore is "comfortable" with New Zealand's decision and "happy with New Zealand's assurance of continued support and participation in the Five-Power Defence Arrangement" (Reuter reports).

# Baha'i temple hailed as rival to Taj Mahal



**Workmen putting the finishing touches to southern Delhi's new Baha'i temple for today's official dedication, which is expected to attract 10,000 of the faithful from all over the world. The temple, built in Korean concrete and then covered in white Greek marble cut and polished in Italy, is being hailed as an architectural rival to the Taj Mahal, the 17th-century white marble monument built by a grief-striken Moghul emperor to commemorate his dead wife. Its design, however — that of a perfect lotus blossom floating on its own leaves — is reminiscent of Australia's Sydney Opera House. The 27-petal structure, the brainchild of architect Fariburz Sahba, a 38-year-old Canadian Bahai, is intended to symbolize the oneness of all religions and to embody "the purity and oneness of the Baha'i faith". It took 10 years to build.**

# Tussle in Spain to don mantle of Fraga

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

The race has begun to occupy the centre-right of Spain's political spectrum after the departure of Señor Manuel Fraga. It is increasingly being seen as the only formula to beat the Socialists of Señor Felipe González.

Three or four principal figures of the old Centre Democratic Union (UCD), which brought Spain democracy in 1977 and held power till the Socialists' victory four years ago, are already jockeying for a decisive role.

Spain's small Christian Democrat party has just ended a national congress here at which they offered themselves as the "natural" centre around which other groups could form a future coalition.

"We are going to be a key party in the future," Señor Oscar Alzaga said. His strategy aims at drawing the "lent votes" which went to Señor Fraga's right-wing Popular Alliance or the Socialists after the collapse of the UCD.

Señor Alzaga will also be seeking to convince Spaniards that Señor Fraga's departure means a serious risk that the Popular Alliance could lurch alarmingly farther to the right.

Señor Miguel Herrero, another former Centre Democrat, who has now taken over as executive deputy chairman of the Popular Alliance, denies this risk, but he will be far from firmly in the saddle until after a special party congress early in February.

The Christian Democrats deny they are looking to the Catholic bishops to help them consolidate an electoral basis at the autonomous regional and municipal elections next June. But party policies on big families and the abortion law echo the Church's stand.

As a first test of his formula, Señor Alzaga has got Señor Rodolfo Martin Villa, a former powerful Interior Minister of the Centre Democrats, to contest the chief ministership in Castile-León.

The fourth figure is Señor Adolfo Suárez, the former Centre Democrat Prime Minister, who has admitted he would like to become leader of the opposition against Señor González. Many argue that he alone of the contenders has the personal stature and votepull to take Señor Fraga's place.

## Grievances that led to the demonstrations in Shanghai

# University fury 'likely to die out'

Hong Kong — Mr Xu Jiatun, China's senior political representative in Hong Kong, said yesterday that he expected the recent student unrest in Shanghai and other cities of the Chinese mainland to die down (David Bonavia writes).

Mr Xu said that the demonstrations by Chinese students were "spurred on by their concern for democracy and freedom", but he gave a warning that the students' demands were at variance with those of the nation and Communist Party.

He said that the students did not understand the overall situation in China, but that the demonstrations were legal under the Chinese constitution. He expected the movement to fade away.

# Students question Communist Party's mandate

Shanghai (AFP) — Four days of demonstrations here grew from a mixture of complaints, eventually aired at a rare confrontation in which students booed the mayor and openly questioned the Communist Party's mandate.

On the eve of the first protest march, the mayor, Mr Jiang Zimin, was repeatedly booed by an assembly of about 3,000 Communications University students, who took the floor to voice grievances ranging from lack of press freedom to unequal application of the death penalty, according to students at the meeting.

The mayor arrived at Communications University as students were preparing to take to the streets to protest against the repeated removal from campus walls of posters reporting a spate of student demonstrations in other cities.

Accompanied by university and party officials, he took the podium in an auditorium packed with nearly a third of the university's 10,000 students and tried to persuade them to cancel their march.

But he would not discuss the issues that the students cared about and they began to hiss and boo until he was unable to continue, a witness said.

The university Communist Party chief calmed the students and Mr Jiang began again, but the students were still dissatisfied and the booing resumed.

"Who dares to boo once more?" the mayor was quoted as having said. Several students did, and Mr Jiang pointed to one. "You won't listen to me," he said angrily. "How about you standing up and speaking instead?"

The student was reluctant but others encouraged him and he finally took the microphone. He asked the mayor two questions: Was there freedom of the press in China? Had the mayor been elected by the people of Shanghai?

Mr Jiang who, like mayors of other big Chinese cities was appointed by Peking, demanded to know the student's name and department, but

**Students took to the streets of Shanghai in isolated protests yesterday, defying government warnings that demonstrations must have prior approval (Reuter reports from Shanghai). More than 500 students marched through the streets and 50 gathered in the central Peoples's Square.**

was shouted down by students expecting that he would seek to punish their classmate.

Officials came to Mr Jiang's aid, saying that since he was very busy he would not engage in debates with individual students, but would accept several questions and answer them all at the end of the assembly.

Many students and a few young teachers clamoured for the microphone and eventually 20 to 30 spoke.

One daring questioner, who received warm applause, asked Mr Jiang whether constitutional changes in 1980 eliminating the right to put up posters and engage in grand debates had been approved by the Chinese people.

He also asked whether the Chinese people had endorsed the four principles of Marxism, Leninism, Socialism and the leadership of the Communist Party that are the basis of the party's mandate to rule China.

Another speaker criticized uneven implementation of the law.

When the 3½-hour meeting ended, students politely applauded Mr Jiang as he left.

Posters put up by students after the meeting were removed on Thursday night and the next day new posters appeared bearing the slogan: "The voice of the people cannot be ripped down."

When officials removed these posters, too, the students decided to march to the municipal congress building in People's Square and demand to see the mayor again.

Student activists said 6,000 to 7,000 students from Communications University had taken part in the march.

Officials declined to comment on the size of the march.

Vast crowds that gathered to watch tied up the city's traffic for the rest of the day but eventually went home, leaving a core of about 2,000 students who determined to spend Friday night.

It was this group that student participants and independent witnesses say was removed forcibly early on Saturday by several thousand policemen.

# Kasparov clinches first place

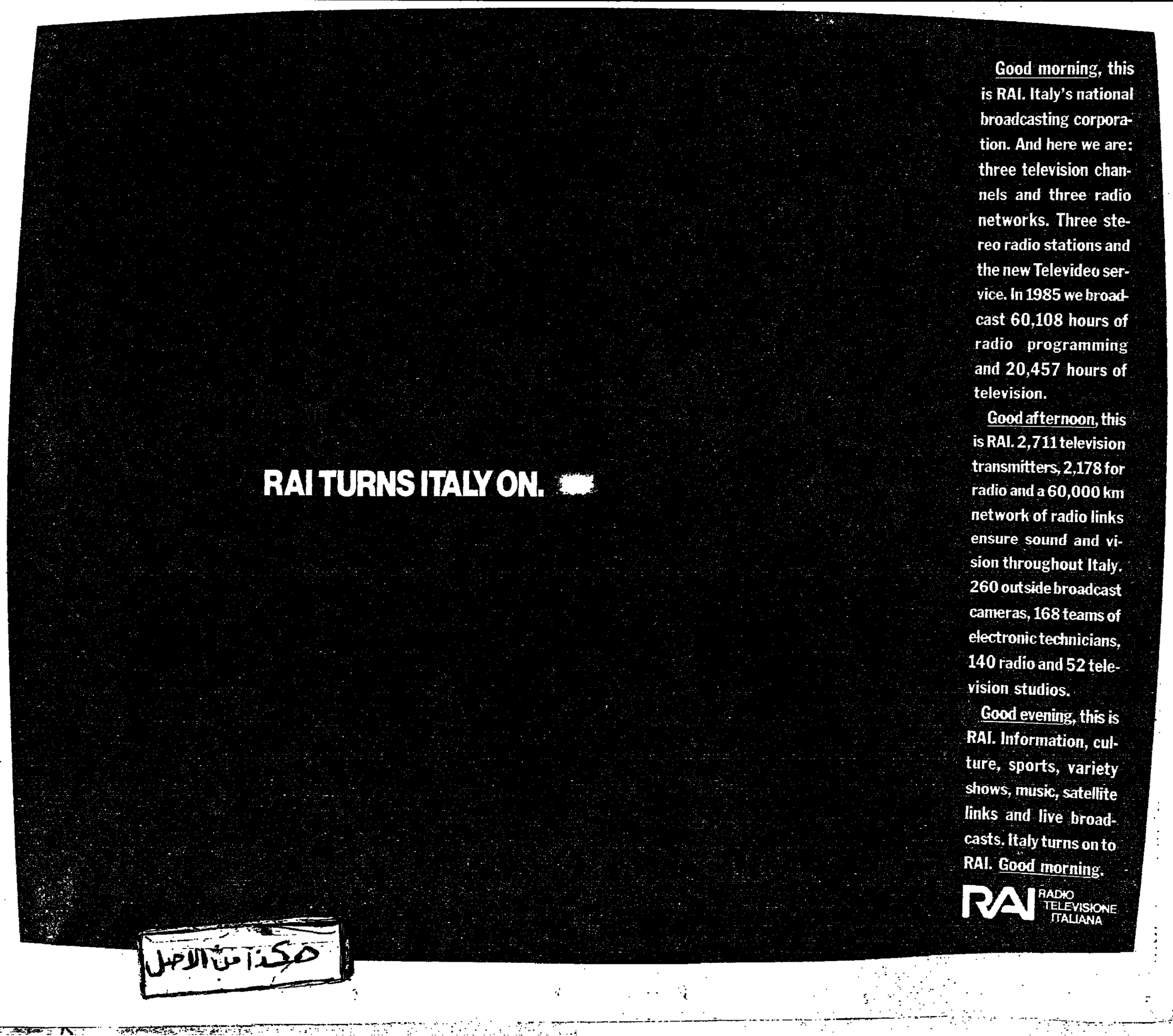
Brussels — Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, has easily clinched first place in the Brussels Super Tournament before the last round has been played (Raymond Keene writes).

After completion of nine of the 10 rounds, the scores are: Kasparov (Soviet Union) 7; Nunn (England), Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Huebner (West Germany) 4½; Short (England) 4; Portisch (Hungary) 2½.

Victor Korchnoi, twice world championship challenger, said: "Kasparov's play has revolutionized the whole chess world."

Nigel Short, Britain's top ranked grandmaster, commented: "Kasparov has played like a genius." By common consent, the most brilliant game was Kasparov's win over Short in round nine.

Short will now contest a six game match in London.

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# Sakharov speaks his mind after seven-year exile ends

## Joy of freedom marred by fate of Marchenko

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Within minutes of arriving back in Moscow yesterday for the first time in nearly seven years, Dr Andrei Sakharov demonstrated in convincing fashion that his long spell in exile had done nothing to dampen his enthusiasm to speak out on a number of controversial issues.

The following are excerpts from a remarkable conversation he held in Russian with a large crowd of jostling Western newsmen, who conducted a running interview with the freed dissident for some 30 minutes as he patiently forced his way through the crowd to a waiting car.

On Afghanistan: "I consider this to be the most painful point of our foreign policy, and I hope that more decisive measures will be taken in this area than are being taken at present. I would like to see decisive measures taken that would put an end to this tragedy."

On being back in Moscow: "I am very happy that I am in Moscow. I have grown unaccustomed to noise and people. Of course, this kind of throng of people is unusual. It creates a sort of feeling of stress. But I understand that my liberation is very important . . . I hope that you will continue making efforts for the liberation of all prisoners of conscience.

"I have feelings of joy, feelings of excitement and feelings that everything in the world is still very tragic. The fate of my friends is tragic, my friends who are in labour camps or in jails. I cannot for a moment free myself from horror at the martyr-like death of my friend, Anatoly Marchenko (who died recently in a camp), in the struggle against injustice.

"I hope that my liberation will facilitate this question, the question of prisoners of conscience, being solved, and that there will be some movement and that other important questions that face our country and the world will also be decided."

On the Kremlin policy of *glasnost* (openness): *"Glasnost* is a great force."

On the things he views as important: "It is the choice of the country where you want to live and the right to travel, which are both laid down in the universal declaration of human rights."

On his work as a nuclear physicist: "I am working on space problems and problems of elementary particles. I hope very much, now that I am back, to return to problems of controlled nuclear reaction."

On his exile since January, 1980: "The most difficult aspect was the isolation . . . I once picked up a woman with a child and they pulled her out of the car and scared her half to death. And the same thing happened with an old woman, a sick old woman standing by the roadside. And when I let her come into my car, they dragged her out using force. And I could do nothing to help her.

"For the last seven months, my wife and I have not had the chance to speak to another living soul — well, one or two people came and we were allowed to speak to them on the street. And it was a miracle for us that we were even allowed to speak on the street with my friend, with a university colleague from student days. In general, we were totally isolated from other people."

On the dramatic end to his banishment: "On the 15th, they put in a telephone unexpectedly at night. We were even a bit frightened. On the 16th at 3 pm, Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov telephoned and said that a decision had been taken to free me, that I could return to Moscow and Bonner could return to Moscow too. 'Bonnaire,' he said in fact, incorrectly pronouncing my wife's name. And I told him that I was very grateful for this announcement."

On the unprecedented call from Mr Gorbachov: "My feelings were very confused because this coincided with a tremendous tragedy, the death of Anatoly Marchenko, a wonderful person, a hero in the struggle for human rights. And I reminded him of my letter of February 19, calling for the liberation of prisoners of conscience — people who have been locked up for their convictions.

"And now, even after the death of Marchenko, my thoughts on this subject are even more tense and tragic, because I ask myself 'Who's next? Who will die next?'"

On the new policy being pursued by Mr Gorbachov: "As to political questions, I have not sorted myself out yet. But I am very interested in everything that is happening in the country and I want to form my own opinion."

On his freedom: "Of course, I am very excited, very excited.

"This became possible thanks to such tremendous international defence. All these last seven years, my scientific colleagues defended me; statesmen and public figures defended me; simply, friends defended me; my children defended me; and finally, my wife defended me. This very defence made possible our liberation.

". . . I am very grateful to you all."

On his health: "I am okay. My wife (who is 62 and recently underwent a double heart by-pass operation) is in poor condition."



Sakharov, who admitted feeling the strain of being surrounded by unaccustomed crowds and noise, holding an impromptu press conference in Moscow.

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## Palestine youths given life sentences

Jerusalem — Three Palestinian youths, who confessed to stabbing a Jewish bible student to death in the Old City last month, were all given life sentences by the Jerusalem district court yesterday (Ian Murray writes).

All admitted the murder, but told the court they had no regrets for what they had done. All are from the town of Jenin.

The stabbing started a series of anti-Arab riots by Jews in the old city. Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the extreme Kach movement, has called for the expulsion of all Arabs from the walled city.

### Youths held for murder

New York (AP) — Three white youths have been charged with second-degree murder, accused along with several others of beating three black men with sticks, baseball bats and tree limbs, and chasing one man across a highway to his death.

Police said six teenagers, ranging in age from 16 to 18, and a 14-year-old girl, all white, were being questioned, but had not been charged in what the mayor, Mr Edward Koch, called "a racial lynching".

### Egypt's guest

Paris (AP) — President Mitterrand will be the guest of President Mubarak of Egypt during the Christmas holidays.

### Air collision

Seoul (AP) — Three American soldiers were killed and three others were injured when two US Army helicopters collided.

### Book banned

Belgrade (Reuter) — A court in Belgrade has banned permanently *The High Treason Trial* by the Yugoslav dissident sociologist, Mr Vojislav Seselj, a collection of documents on his trial for hostile propaganda in 1984 that resulted in a 22-month jail sentence.

### Long lift

Torrevieja (Reuter) — Gustavo Vito, aged 69, and his 66-year-old Swiss wife Elena, spent 48 hours stranded in a lift in their deserted holiday apartment block in this Mediterranean resort.

### Blast charge

Osaka (Reuter) — A Japanese man has been charged with attempted murder and endangering an aircraft in connection with a hand-grenade blast on board a Thai airliner two months ago.

### Many thanks

Edmond, Oklahoma (AP) — The Edmond Post Office, where 14 employees were killed by a co-worker earlier this year, sent 28,500 Christmas cards to city residents to thank them for being cooperative and patient.

Beirut concession to France

## Kidnappers pledge to release hostage

Beirut (Reuter) — A Lebanese underground group yesterday pledged to release a French hostage as a gesture of good will for Christmas.

"In the spirit of Christmas, we announce that we shall soon release one of the French hostages, as a new gesture," the Revolutionary Justice Organization said in a statement delivered to two Beirut newspapers and an international news agency.

Nineteen foreigners are missing, believed kidnapped, in Lebanon. They include seven French nationals, seven Americans, two Britons, an Italian, an Irishman and a South Korean.

Yesterday's statement, handwritten in Arabic, was accompanied by colour photographs of two members of a French Antenne-2 television news crew — a soundman, M Aurel Cornéa, aged 54, and a lighting technician, M Jean-Louis Normandin, aged 34 — who were snatched in a west Beirut suburb on March 8 after attending a pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) rally.

The photographs of the men showed them bearded and looking haggard.

The statement said the gesture to free a French hostage followed mediation by Iran, Syria and Algeria. It called on the leaders of those countries "to make the French understand that we want an end to the support of (Iraqi President) Saddam (Hussein)."

Meanwhile, Madame Joelle Kauffmann, the wife of M Jean-Paul Kauffmann, another French hostage, was expected to arrive in Beirut late yesterday.

● PARIS: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday refused to comment on the Revolutionary Justice Organization's proposed gesture to free one of two French hostages (Susan MacDonald writes).

The ministry spokesman only reiterated a statement made in the past

"The Government is in constant contact with all those who could play a role in the release of our hostages".

● STOCKHOLM: A Swedish soldier serving with the UN peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon was hit by shrapnel when a convoy carrying supplies was trapped between fighting factions near the village of Tibnin.

## Diplomats fail to lift holiday gloom for captive Britons

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

**Two Britons facing Christmas in foreign prisons thousands of miles apart were the focus of concern at the Foreign Office yesterday.**

**The British High Commission in Zambia sent a diplomat to see a young man whose only crime is believed to be that he hitched a lift with a New Zealander who fell under Zambian suspicion.**

**Mr Christopher Bennett, a 27-year-old Londoner, has been held in Lusaka without being charged since he and an Australian friend accepted the ride.**

**Britain has demanded that he be either charged or released. British diplomats have no reason to disbelieve his story that his arrest was entirely accidental.**

**Meanwhile, in Tehran diplomats at the British interests section of the Swedish Embassy pressed for access to Mr Roger Cooper, a 51-year-old businessman.**

**The Foreign Office said that nowhere in the world had consular access been denied to a prisoner for so long. Mr Cooper, nephew of the late poet Robert Graves, has been held incommunicado for more than a year.**

**The Iranians disregarded a warning from Mr Timothy Eggar, the Under Secretary of State, that relations would suffer if he was not released by Christmas.**

**Their "reply" a week ago was to charge Mr Cooper with spying, and then to announce that a confession would be televised.**

**Further efforts by Mr Edward Chaplin, acting head of the British interests section, were also unsuccessful.**

**The Foreign Office said that the Iranians had also failed to grant access to another Briton held on charges of firing at vehicles at the border with Pakistan, Mr Nicholas Nicola, of Greek Cypriot origin.**

**Two Britons missing in Lebanon are also the subject of Foreign Office concern.**

**Mr Alec Collett, a relief worker with a United Nations agency, has not been seen since March 25 1985. The Foreign Office remains unconvinced that a video supposedly showing his body hanging was authentic.**

**While some members of his family accepted that he was dead and held a memorial service, Whitehall sources said that his wife in New York said she continued to believe that he was alive.**

**Responsibility was claimed on behalf of the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims, but all Foreign Office efforts to make contact with his captors were to no avail.**

**Mr John McCarthy, who worked for Worldwide Television News, a subsidiary of ITN, has not been heard of since April 17.**

**While assuming that he was kidnapped, the Foreign Office has no leads in his case.**

**Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, is expected to make a further visit to the Lebanon in the hope of negotiating the release of British, Irish and American hostages.**

Hopes that the detained New Zealand journalist, Mr John Edlin, would be released before Christmas began to fade yesterday as Zambia came to a bureaucratic standstill for the funeral of President Kaunda's son (A Correspondent writes from Harare). Mr Edlin, a correspondent for the Associated Press, was detained in Lusaka on Friday on his way to the Copperbelt, where there has been unrest.

Japan's scandal magazines

## TV celebrity teaches paparazzi a lesson

From David Watts, Tokyo

Tokyo's sensation-seeking weekly photo-magazines went too far for the country's most famous comedian.

After weeks of being dogged by snooping paparazzi from *Friday* magazine, "Beat" Takeshi, who is married with children, and his young college girlfriend had had enough.

He mustered his gang of followers, who feature on some of Japan's most popular television programmes, and took the law into his own hands.

After he and his friends had finished, several members of the *Friday* staff were on their way to hospital with cuts and bruises. Mr Takeshi and company were off to the police station.

The comedian, who proved a superb serious actor opposite David Bowie in *Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*, said of his action: "I can't justify it if people call it excessive, but if you ask me the question 'Was there another way of protecting my privacy?', I couldn't answer you," he said.

The affair started when Mr Takeshi telephoned the magazine to ask why the staff had been so aggressive in trying to get a story from his girlfriend, aged 21.

When he did not get a satisfactory answer, he decided that he and his "army", who appear weekly on a popular children's television show, would produce their own solution.

The furore has reopened the debate about magazines which are fearless about investigating the private lives of defenceless individuals but have precious little to say when it comes to tackling issues of real import which may impinge on people in high places.

Eight serious complaints have been filed against five magazines in the last three years, but the most serious penalties have been either a warning from the Ministry of Home Affairs or modest damages.

Mr Takeshi said yesterday that many people felt that he was not justified in using violence, but that, given the situation, it was the only way he could make an impact on magazines which trample on individual privacy and when brought to book plead "freedom of the press".


# ENTERTAINMENTS

## CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. No perfs Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Fri 7.45 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. James Judd cond. Howard Shelley piano.

## OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Sat 7.30 Die Fledermaus. Mon 7.00 Carmen. Box Office closed Dec 24 25 26

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50/£13.50 Mats (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Box Office closed today & tomor Fri 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Lucia di Lammermoor. Sat 2.30 & 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Nutcracker. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 Last 4 Perfs: Fri & Sat 2.30 & 7.30. No Perfs Dec 24 & 25 MENOTTI'S The Boy Who Grew Too Fast (British Premiere) & AMAHL & The Night Visitors. 01-278 0855 for Winter Opera info

## THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 Extra Boxing Day Perfs 4.30 & 8 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express NO PERF TONIGHT

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 6433/ 741 9999 Group Sales 836 3962. Eves 8pm LIMITED LONDON SEASON DAVE ALLEN LIVE "DEVASTATINGLY FUNNY" LBC. Dec 26 & 27 at 8pm. No Perfs Dec 24, 25

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 First Call cc (24hr) 240 7200 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION" D Exp STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for OAP's Special mat 26th Dec 3pm No perf 24th Dec NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 1987

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 6433/ 741 9999/ Grps 836 3962. 1.30 & 4.15 daily. For 2 weeks only. David Wood's THE OLD MAN OF LOCHNAGAR A Musical Play for children. From the book by HRH The Prince of Wales Dec 24 at 1.30 only. Dec 26 at 1.30 & 4.15

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233 01 741 9999 DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in NEIL SIMON'S BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123.

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner 4 "BEST PLAY" awards Lindsay Duncan "BEST ACTRESS" Olivier Awards '86 No perfs Dec 24 & Dec 25. Dec 26 at 4 & 8pm. Tickets available Dec 26, 27 at 4pm

APOLLO THEATRE 437 2663 434 3598 First Call 01-240 7200 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 Mon-Fri 8. Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Thurs Mats 3. Dec 24 mat only No perf Dec 25. Dec 26 8pm perf only PAUL SCOFIELD "MASTERLEY" F.Times HOWARD ROLLINS "MAGNIFICENT" D.Mail I'M NOT RAPPAPORT "Wonderfully funny" D.Exp TONY AWARD BEST PLAY

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE No perf ton't. Fri. Mon & Tue 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30 A PENNY FOR A SONG by John Whiting - the finer lunacies of the English at war SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE by Feydeau, tickets available FINAL PERFORMANCES 31 Dec - 3 Jan "Magnificent... most enjoyable" D Tel. THE PIT Fri. Mon & Tue 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30 HERESIES by Deborah Levy THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING by Arthur Miller returns 31 Dec - 3 Jan

BLOOMSBURY, Gordon St. WC1 387 9629 CC 380 1453 Until Jan 10. Today & Tues 2pm. Fri & Sat 2pm & 7pm. No Perfs Dec 25. THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD, The Sparkling New Family Musical.

CHURCHILL Bromley 460 6677 DICK WHITTINGTON Roy Hudd, Roger de Courcey & Nookie Bear, Bill Pertwee, Jimmy Thompson, Lyn Paul.

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 "A superb acting partnership" Times JOHN ALDERTON GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON THE MAINTENANCE MAN A Comedy by Richard Harris "A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY" N of the W "The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail "Very funny indeed" S.Exp Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Fri. Mon. Tue 7.30. Sat 2.30 & 7.30 THE BAY AT NICE and WRECKED EGGS by David Hare. (The Building will be closed Dec 24 & 25).

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00. Thu mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Dec 24 at 8pm. Dec 26 at 2.30 & 8pm "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS ANITA GRAHAM JACKI PIPER SAM COX RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,600 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845/9562. ALL tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE Grp Sales 930 6123 DAVE CLARK's TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE CLIFF RICHARD AS "THE ROCK STAR" THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Thu Mat 2.30 Sat 4 & 8.15 On Fri 26 mat only "The Rock Star" will be performed by John Christie SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf. Reduced prices Fri 26 mat only £7 & £10 New Booking to April '87. Special Xmas mats Tues 23 & Fri 26 Dec 2.30pm. No perf 24 Dec

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 BOOK NOW FOR XMAS Special matinee Dec 26 3pm

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/6433 Til 10 Jan Eves 8pm. Sat mats 5pm DORY PREVIN. (Theatre closed Dec 24, 25 & 26)

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 379 6433 & CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 Evgs 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8. Dec 24 at 3pm only. Dec 26 at 8pm. No perf Dec 25. NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 24 Hr cc 240 7200 836 9837 741 9999 379 6433 Evgs 8. Thu 3. Sat 5 & 8.30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

FORTUNE BO/CC 836 2238/9 Agy F.CALL 7day 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123. DONT MISS First UK stage version J.R.R. Tolkien's THE HOBBIT "Spectacular scenes and likeable heroes... imperishable magic" Times Today at 10.30am & 7.30pm Mon-Fri at 3pm & 7.30pm Sat 2pm, 5pm & 8pm.

GARRICK S 01 379 6107. 1st call 24/hr 7 day 240 7200. Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 Eves 7.30, Sat 5 & 8 Tue Mat 3pm JUDI DENCH MICHAEL WILLIAMS "Class of their own" Std MR and MRS NOBODY by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "The best comedy to reach the West End this year" Times "EVERYBODY MUST SEE THIS NOBODY" D.Mail No perf Christmas Eve

GLOBE 01-437 3667 cc 741 9999 1st Call 240 7200 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 From 14 January OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Olivier Awards '86 GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT in Lorca's "thrilling" Obs THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA with PATRICIA HAYES Nuria Espert - Best Director Standard Drama Awards

GLOBE 437 1592 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 1st Call 24 hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 4 Nominated for COMEDY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 LEND ME A TENOR "If it's laughter you're after... then the fun comes nowhere thicker and faster" Std A Comedy by Ken Ludwig Directed by David Gilmore No perf Xmas Eve LAST 3 WEEKS

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30. Dec 26 at 4.0 & 7.45 NIGHT MUST FALL by Emlyn Williams. "...excellent production continually takes you by surprise" Times "Hugely enjoyable" Independent

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7 day cc bkgs 240 7200 Ticketmaster 379 6433 Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm DEREK JACOBI in "A Truly Mesmerising Performance" S.Times BREAKING the CODE by HUGH WHITEMORE Joanna David Isabel Dean Michael Gough Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS "THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY... VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" S.Times No Perfs Christmas Eve

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING NEW MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Postal bkgs only for Apr to Oct

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8. Sat Mat 4.30. SELLING THE SIZZLE, A New Comedy by Peter Gibbs. "Glorious high-farce performances from Dinsdale Landen and David Threlfall" Times "Very funny" D.Exp. No Perf Dec 24, 25, 26. EXTENDED TO JAN 3

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373. 741 9999 (no bkg fee). First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200. (NO BKG FEE) Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 OVER 250 PERFS of THE HIT MUSICAL COMEDY GEORGE HEARN & DENIS QUILLEY LA CAGE AUX FOLLES "...A PALLADIUM ROAR OF APPROVAL" S.Tel Mon-Fri 7.30. Mats Wed 2.00 Sat 2.30 & 8.00 Stdnt concessions avail. at door Mon-Fri & Sat mats SEATS AVAILABLE FROM £7.50 Xmas Eve 7.30. No mat New booking to April 25, 1987

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 Eves 7.30 (Dec 24 at 6.30). Tel. box office for details of mats) ALICE IN WONDERLAND adapted by John Wells, with music by Carl Davis. MR SPOON ON BUTTON MOON (Tel. box office for perf times). STUDIO Evgs 8pm (Dec 24 at 6.45) THE BUERS SUMMER. Theatre closed Dec 25. Box office open Dec 26 & Jan 1 from 12.00-8pm

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1550. 01-434 1050. 01-734 5166/7 COLIN BLAKELY "A brilliant & joyously comic performance" F. Times in The National Theatre's acclaimed production of ALAN AYCKBOURN'S A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL "Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious..." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed and Sat 3.0. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Reduced price mats Student & OAP Stand-by First Call 24hr 7 day cc bookings on 01 240 7200 (no booking fee) Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no booking fee) WINNER OF ALL THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985 NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL '87

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 405 1567 or 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987 Seats available in Jan Extra Mats Dec 22 & Jan 2 at 3pm

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Fri. Mon. Tue 7.45, Sat 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45. TONS OF MONEY by Will Evans and Valentine. Tue 10.30am 2.00 THE PIED PIPER. (The building will be closed Dec 24 & 25).

MAYFAIR SORRY ALL SEATS SOLD SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568 1st Call 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 Kenneth Grahame's wonderful THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Twice daily 2 & 6. Dec 24 11am & 2pm

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank The building will be closed Dec 24 & 25 NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE. Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). EASY CAR PARK. Info 633 0880. AIR COND

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OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sats 4.00 & 7.45 MARIA AITKEN JUDI BOWKER FAITH BROOK BARBARA EWING JULIA FOSTER GEORGINA HALE PATTI LOVE DIANA QUICK ZENA WALKER and SUSANNAH YORK in THE WOMEN by Clare Boothe Luce "All female ritzy extravaganza" FT. "DELICIOUSLY FUNNY" Times. "Witty, wicked women's world" S.Exp. "STYLISH, STAR-STUDDED PRODUCTION" D Mirror No perfs Dec 24 & 25 LAST 3 WEEKS - MUST END JAN 10

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Previews from 14 Jan. Opens 20 Jan at 7pm MALCOLM McDOWELL MARY STEENBURGEN CHERIE LUNGHI FRANK GRIMES and GEOFFREY BURRIDGE in HOLIDAY a comedy by Philip Barry Dir by LINDSAY ANDERSON

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Fri. Sat. Mon 7.00 prompt KING LEAR by Shakespeare. Sat. Mon 10.30am & 2.00 THE PIED PIPER. Tue 7.15 THE AMERICAN CLOCK. (The building will be closed Dec 24 & 25)

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 First Call 24Hr 7Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE!" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 NB Extra Christmas mats 22 & 24 Dec at 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE. Now booking to Sept '87

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 6TH THRILLING YEAR

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/ 379 6433/ 240 7200 Group Sales 930 6123/ 836 3962. FRANKIE HOWERD "A Master Clown" Times PATRICK CARGILL RONNIE STEVENS FRED EVANS DEREK ROYLE in The Funniest Musical "Broad farce with Stephen Sondheim's songs" D.Mail A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM Today 3pm only. Dec 26 8pm. Dec 27 4.30 & 8.15 LAST WEEK - ENDS SAT Christmas Eve Mat accompanied children free

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days cc Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to March 28, 1987 MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY Some seats avail 24 Dec 7.30 & 26 Dec 2.30

PRINCE OF WALES W1 930 8681 /2 cc Hotline 930 0844/5/6. Grp Sales 930 6123. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Ticketmaster 379 6433 First Call 24 hour, 7 day (NO BKG FEE) 240 7200 'ALLO 'ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS "It's all sauce at the café of laughs" D Exp. Eves 8. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 EXTRA PERFS 30 & 31 Dec at 2.30 NOW BOOKING TO 30 MAY

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/7/0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" Gdn "A WONDERFUL STAR" Mail MAUREEN LIPMAN in LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S WONDERFUL TOWN! "It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5 Extra Xmas Mats Dec 23 2.30pm & Dec 26 5.00pm

ROYALTY 01-831 0660 24hr cc 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Twice daily at 2.30 & 7.30 6 weeks only. Dec 24 11am & 2.30pm.

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY 01 379 5399 CC 01 379 6433/ 741 9999. First Call 24 hr 240 7200 (bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123 Mon-Fri 8. Wed 3. Sat 5.15 & 8.30 THE THEATRE OF COMEDY CO's lavish new production TOM CONTI in AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT by Eugene Labiche with CLIVE DUNN and STRATFORD JOHNS No perfs Ton't or Tomor Dec 26 at 8.00. Dec 27 at 5.15 & 8.30

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888. CC 379 6219. 836 0479. First Call 24 hr 7 day (no bkg fee) 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. NO PERFS DEC 24 & 25. Thereafter Eves Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 5 & 8.30. Wed Mats 3pm PATRICK MACNEE DAVID LANGTON JENNIE LINDEN & LIZ ROBERTSON in A Mystery Thriller for all the Family KILLING JESSICA Directed by BRYAN FORBES "Ranking with 'Sleuth' for surprise & ingenuity" D.Mail. "In the time-honoured manner of an Agatha Christie thriller" Std. "THIS SHOW IS A SURE-FIRE WINNER" Listener

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat & Dec 26 at 5.0 and 8.0 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. 741 9999. First Call 24 hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 CABARET "The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std Starring WAYNE SLEEP Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne Mon-Fri 7.45. Mat Wed 3.00 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 OAP REDUCED PRICES MATS. BOOKING NOW UP TO APRIL '87 Spec perf New Year's Eve 7pm

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. No Perf Today or Tomor. Dream Fri 7.30 Winter's Tale Sat 1.30, Richard II Sat 7.30. Swan Theatre, Rover Fri 7.30, Kinsmen Sat 1.30, Fair Maid Sat 7.30.

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail See separate entries under: CRITERION THEATRE SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.45 EXTRA XMAS MATINEES December 26.29.30 Jan 1 & 2 24hr 7 day cc bkgs (no extra charge) on FIRST CALL 240 7200 "A NIGHT OF SHEER SONG & DANCE MAGIC" Wldy News CHARLIE GIRL ONLY 3 WEEKS LEFT TO SEE THIS FABULOUS CAST. LAST PERF JAN 10 PAUL NICHOLAS CYD CHARISSE DORA BRYAN NICHOLAS PARSONS MARK WYNTER in CHARLIE GIRL GROUP SALES 01 930 6123 BIG PARTY DISCOUNTS Also book. Ticketmaster 379 6433 or any W H Smith Travel Branch

VICTORIA PALACE Book now through First Call exclusively 01 240 7200 24hr 7 day TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre Prevs Feb 13 1st Night Feb 25 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15. Gp Sales 930 6123

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC. 836 9987/5645 First call CC. 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Ticketmaster 379 6433 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0. 8.30. No perfs Dec 24, 25. Dec 26 at 5 & 8, Dec 27 at 5 & 8.30. JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play WOMAN IN MIND "THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S.Tel "ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST" S.Times

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 01 930 7765/ 839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433 741 9999. Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962 JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR "ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS" Obs The Award Winning Comedy WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT by Sharman Macdonald Directed by Simon Stokes "SOMETHING GLORIOUS TO SHOUT ABOUT" D Mail "IRRESISTIBLE COMIC WRITING" Times Eves Mon-Fri 8. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Wed mats 3. Dec 26 at 5.30 & 8.30. No perfs Dec 24 & 25

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/Ticketmaster 379 6433/1st Call 24hr 7 days 240 7200/741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 7.30. Sat mats 3 For a limited season "A performance unparalleled in the West End" Independent. VANESSA REDGRAVE TOM WILKINSON in The Young Vic production of GHOSTS By Henrik Ibsen Directed by David Thacker "BRILLIANT PRODUCTION. DON'T MISS" City Limits No perfs Dec 24, 25. Dec 26 at 7.30

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WESTMINSTER 01 834 0283/4 cc 834 0048. cc Ticketmaster 379 6433. Mon-Sat 3.00 & 6.30 (Dec 24 at 3.00 only, no perfs Dec 25) 3rd Magical Season THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis

## ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141 Until 4 Jan David Roberts (1796-1864): paintings of Europe & the Near East PLUS Lion Rugs by nomadic Fars tribeswomen. Tues - Sat 10-6.45. Sun & B Hols 12-5.45. Closed Mondays, 24 & 25 Dec. (Open 26 Dec & 1 Jan 12-5.45) Adm.£2 & £1.

## CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Town Tube 485 2443. DAVID BOWIE in LABYRINTH (U). Film at 2.00 4.10 6.20 8.35 Reduced tickets for children. CLOSED 24.25.66 Dec.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3. 351 3742 MEN (15). Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55. CLOSED 24.25.26 December

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Claude Lanzmann's SHOAH (PG) Part 1 Tues & Thurs 5.45 Sats 11.30am & 5.45 Part 2 Mon, Wed & Fri 5.45 Sundays Part 1 at 11.30am Part 2 at 5.45 "Totally absorbing...see the film" Std. Closed Dec 24, 25, 26. Ends Jan 8

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun & Dec 26), 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's possible to conceive" Alexander Walker, Std. Closed Dec 24 & 25.

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# THE ARTS

# The Dream of Duncan Parrenness

**Rudyard Kipling** comes out of copyright next week, which could well be the cue for a major revival. The groundswell of pro-Kipling feeling has been growing through the enthusiasm of people like Jorge Luis Borges, Kingsley Amis and Angus Wilson. One of the editions in the New Year is a choice of his prose, including the story printed here, selected by Craig Raine. The collection (published by Faber & Faber at £12.50) shows Kipling to be a writer of historical imagination as well as a man of many voices.

Like Mr Bunyan of old, I, Duncan Parrenness, Writer to the Most Honourable the East India Company, in this God-forgotten city of Calcutta, have dreamed a dream, and never since that Kitty my mare fell lame have I been so troubled. Therefore, lest I should forget my dream, I have made shift to set it down here. Though Heaven knows how unhandy the pen is to me who was always readier with sword than ink-horn when I left London two long years since.

When the Governor-General's great dance (that he gives yearly at the latter end of November) was finisht, I had gone to mine own room which looks over that sullen, un-English stream, the Hoogly, scarce so sober as I might have been. Now, roaring drunk in the West is but fuddled in the East, and I was drunk Nor'-Nor' Easterly as Mr Shakespeare might have said. Yet, in spite of my liquor, the cool night winds (though I have heard that they breed chills and fluxes innumerable) sobered me somewhat; and I remembered that I had been but a little wrung and wasted by all the *sicknesses of the past four months*, whereas those young bloods that came eastward with me in the same ship had been all, a month back, planted to Eternity in the foul soil north of Writers' Buildings. So then, I thanked God mistily (though, to my shame, I never kneeled down to do so) for licence to live, at least till March should be upon us again. Indeed, we that were alive (and our number was less by far than those who had gone to their last account in the hot weather late past) had made very merry that evening, by the ramparts of the Fort, over this kindness of Providence; though our jests were neither witty nor such as I should have liked my mother to hear.

When I had lain down (or rather thrown me on my bed) and the fumes of my drink had a little cleared away, I found that I could get no sleep for thinking of a thousand things that were better left alone. First, and it was a long time since I had thought of her, the sweet face of Kitty Somerset drifted, as it might have been drawn in a picture, across the foot of my bed, so plainly, that I almost *thought she had been present in* the body. Then I remembered how she drove me to this accursed country to get rich, that I might the more quickly marry her, our parents on both sides giving their consent; and then how she thought better (or worse maybe) of her troth, and wed Tom Sanderson but a short three months after I had sailed.

From Kitty I fell a-musing on Mrs Vansuythen; a tall pale woman with violet eyes that had come to Calcutta from the Dutch Factory at Chinsura, and had set all our young men, and not a few of the factors, by the ears. Some of our ladies, it is true, said that she had never a husband or marriage-lines at all; but women, and specially those who have led only indifferent good lives themselves, are cruel hard one on another. Besides, Mrs Vansuythen was far prettier than them all. She had been most gracious to me at the Governor-General's rout, and indeed I was looked upon by all as her *preux chevalier* – which is French for a much worse word. Now, whether I cared so much as the scratch of a pin for this same Mrs Vansuythen (albeit I had vowed eternal love three days after we met) I knew not then nor did till later on; but mine own pride, and a skill in the small sword that no man in Calcutta could equal, kept me in her affections. So that I believed I worshipt her.

When I had dismist her violet eyes from my thoughts, my reason reproacht me for ever having followed her at all; and I saw how the one year that I had lived in this land had so burnt and seared my mind with the flames of a thousand bad passions and desires, that I had aged ten months for each one in the Devil's school. Whereat I thought of my mother for a while, and was very penitent: making in my sinful tipsy mood a thousand vows of reformation – all since broken, I fear me, again and again.

Tomorrow, says I to myself, I will live cleanly for ever. And I smiled dizzily (the liquor being still strong in me) to think of the dangers I had escaped; and built all manner of fine castles in Spain, whereof a shadowy Kitty Somerset that had the violet eyes and the sweet slow speech of Mrs Vansuythen, was always Queen.

Lastly, a very fine and magnificent courage (that doubtless had its birth in Mr Hastings' Madeira) grew upon me, till it seemed that I could become Governor-General, Nawab, Prince, ay, even the Great Mogul himself, by the mere wishing of it. Wherefore, taking my first steps, random and unstable enough, towards my new kingdom, I kickt my servants sleeping without till they howled and ran from me, and called Heaven and Earth to witness that I, Duncan Parrenness, was a writer in the service of the Company and afraid of no man. Then, seeing that neither the Moon nor the Great Bear were minded to accept my challenge, I lay down again and must have fallen asleep.

*I was waked presently by my* last words repeated two or three times, and saw that there had come into the room a drunken man, as I thought, from Mr Hastings' rout. He sate down at the foot of my bed for all the world as it belonged to him, and I took note, as well as I could, that his face was somewhat like mine own grown older, save when it changed to the face of the Governor-General or my father, dead these six months. But this seemed to me only natural, and the due result of too much wine; and I was so angered at his entry all unannounced, that I told him, not over civilly, to go.

To all my words he made no answer whatever, only saying slowly, as though it were some sweet morsel: "Writer in the Company's service and afraid of



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no man." Then he stops short, and turning round sharp upon me, says that one of my kidney need fear neither man nor devil; that I was a brave young man, and like enough, should I live so long, to be Governor-General. But for all these things (and I supposed that he meant thereby the changes and chances of our shifty life in these parts) I must pay my price. By this time I had sobered somewhat, and being well waked out of my first sleep, was disposed to look upon the matter as a tipsy man's jest. So, says I merrily: "And what price shall I pay for this place of mine, which is but twelve feet square, and my five poor pagodas a month? The devil take you and your jesting: I have paid my price twice over in sickness."

At that moment my man turns full toward me: so that by the moonlight I could see every line and wrinkle of his face. Then my drunken mirth died out of me, as I have seen the waters of our great rivers die away in one night; and I, Duncan Parrenness, who was afraid of no man, was taken with a more deadly terror than I hold it has ever been the lot of mortal man to know. For I saw that his face was my very own, but marked and lined and scarred with the furrows of disease and much evil living – as I once, when I was (Lord help me) very drunk indeed, have seen mine own face, all white and drawn and grown old, in a mirror. I take it that any man would have been even more greatly feared than I; for I am in no way wanting in courage.

After I had laid still for a little, sweating in my agony, and waiting until I should awake from this terrible dream (for dream I knew it to be), he says again that I must pay my price; and a little after, as though it were to be given in pagodas and sicca rupees: "What price will you pay?" Says I, very softly: "For God's sake let me be, whoever you are, and I will mend my ways from tonight." Says he, laughing a little at my words, but otherwise making no motion of having heard them: "Nay, I would only rid so brave a young ruffler as yourself of much that will be a great hindrance to you on your way through life in the Indies; for believe me," and here he looks full on me once more, "there is no return."

At all this rigmarole, which I could not then understand, I was a good deal put aback and waited for what should come next. Says he very calmly: "Give me your trust in man." At that I saw how heavy would be my price, for I never doubted but that he could take from me all that he asked, and my head was, through terror and wakefulness, altogether cleared of the wine I had drunk. So I takes him up very short, crying that I was not so wholly bad as he would make believe, and that I trusted my fellows to the full as much as *they were worthy of it.* "It was none of my fault," says I, "if one-half of them were liars and the other half deserved to be burnt in the hand, and I would once more ask him to have done with his questions." Then I stopped, a little afraid, it is true, to have let my tongue so run away with me, but he took no notice of this, and only laid his hand lightly on my left breast and I felt very cold there for a while.

Then he says, laughing more: "Give me your faith in women." At that I started in my bed as though I had been stung, for I thought of my sweet mother in England, and for a while fancied that my faith in God's best creatures could neither be shaken nor stolen from me.

But later, myself's hard eyes being upon me, I fell to thinking, for the second time that night, of Kitty (she that jilted me and married Tom Sanderson) and of Mistress Vansuythen, whom only my devilish pride made me follow, and how she was even worse than Kitty, and I worst of them all – seeing that with my life's work to be done, I must needs go dancing down the Devil's swept and garnished causeway, because, forsooth, there was a light woman's smile at the end of it. And I thought that all women in the world were either like Kitty or Mistress Vansuythen (as indeed they have ever since been to me), and this put me to such an extremity of rage and sorrow, that I was beyond word glad when myself's hand fell again on my left breast, and I was no more troubled by these follies.

After this he was silent for a little, and I made sure that he must go or I awake ere long; but presently he speaks again (and very softly) that I was a fool to care for such follies as those he had taken from me, and that ere he went he would only ask me for a *few other trifles such as no man*, or for matter of that boy either, would keep about him in this country. And so it happened that he took from out of my very heart as it were, looking all the time into my face with my own eyes, as much as remained to me of my boy's soul and conscience.

This was to me a far more terrible loss than the two that I had suffered before. For though, Lord help me, I had travelled far enough from all paths of decent or godly living, yet there was in me, though I myself write it, a certain goodness of heart which, when I was sober (or sick) made me very sorry of all that I had done before the fit came on me. And this I lost wholly: having in place thereof another deadly coldness at the heart. I am not, as I have before said, ready with my pen, so I fear that what I have just written may not be readily understood. Yet there be certain times in a young man's life, when, through great sorrow or sin, all the boy in him is burnt and seared away so that he passes at one step to the more sorrowful state of manhood: as our staring Indian *day changes into night with never* so much as the grey of twilight to temper the two extremes. This shall perhaps make my state more clear, if it be remembered that my torment was *ten times* as great as comes in the natural course of nature to any man.

At that time I dared not think of the change that had come over me, and all in one night: though I have often thought of it since. "I have paid the price," says I, my teeth chattering, for I was deadly cold, "and what is my return?" At this time it was nearly dawn, and myself had begun to grow pale and *thin against the white light in the* east, as my mother used to tell me is the custom of ghosts and devils and the like. He made as if he would go, but my words stopt him and he laughed – as I remember that I laughed when I ran Angus Macalister through the sword-arm last August, because he said that Mrs Vansuythen was no better than she should be. "What return?" – says he, catching up my last words – "Why, strength to live as long as God or the Devil pleases, and so long as you live, my young master, my gift." With that he puts something into my hand, though it was still too dark to see what it was, and when next I lookt up he was gone.

When the light came I made shift to behold his gift, and saw that it was a little piece of dry bread.

# Being superior

**_The Krypton Factor_ (ITV) ended its hunt for the United Kingdom Superperson of 1986 last night. When Superperson materialized he was found to be David Kemp, 39, a marketing director from Whitstable in Kent who wore a nice yellow jumper and had a talent for noticing what colour balloon was tied to the oak banisters. If you saw him walking down the street you would not notice anything special, but then that is how it was with Clark Kent before his visit to the telephone kiosk.**

## TELEVISION

***The Krypton Factor*** **was a triumph of style over content from the opening credits, with their portentous music and platinum-plated contestants' faces, to the tense profile shots during the last round of general knowledge. Gordon Burns masterfully whipped up anticipation as we homed in on four men about to confront their destiny.**

**This was all good stuff until the questions began and our brave boys sharpened their wits on *an opening* round that required them to remember whether an aeroplane takes longer to fly from London to Belfast or from London to Baltimore. By the end of the next stage, a round of Spot the Difference which was mainly baffling on account of the curious pastiche used of *Granada's* Brideshead, I was beginning to think that I had a good chance of qualifying for the title myself. This possibility was scuppered when the lads exchanged the studio for a simulated aircraft cockpit and were told to take on a tricky approach to Kennedy Airport.**

**Once I was out of the running all that was left to enjoy was a fascination with the way David Kemp, as constant front-runner, handled the not inconsiderable challenge of maintaining a smile that struck the right combination of modesty and confidence.**

**I suppose that one of the reasons why Johnny Speight's creation, Alf Garnett, has become a candidate for least amusing man on television is that Eighties bigots look more like *Krypton Factor* entrants than Warren Mitchell. The special Christmas edition of *In Sickness and in Health*** **(BBC1) was a racist comic strip of such predictability that not even Alison Steadman in a cameo role, as the mother who could not understand why Father Christmas only visited the employed, was able to save this exhausting self-parody.**

**Alexandra Shulman**

## PREVIEW

### Aaron Copland: A Self Portrait

BBC2, tomorrow

*Aaron Copland: A Self Portrait* was first screened in America last year, which perhaps explains why this entertaining but intellectually bland documentary received so much praise. Copland was then celebrating his 85th birthday: from his native Brooklyn to his beloved Mexico the air was thick with acclaim for "America's greatest composer, alive or dead". It was not a time for an American television programme to scrutinize too closely the awkward fact that America had once hauled her greatest composer up before Senator McCarthy's "Un-American Activites" Committee, or poured public scorn on him whenever he tried to advance from the folksy tonality of *Billy the Kid*.

The McCarthy episode is brushed aside in a couple of sentences; consequently the absurdity of the incident is not exposed. (In fact, Copland was persecuted because he had written music for a 1943 film, *North Star*, lauding Russian resistance to Hitler.). As another composer, Lukas Foss, wryly puts it, "To cast doubt on the Americanism of the composer of *Lincoln Portrait* was really very foolish".

The strength of this programme, however, is its access to some priceless film footage, much of it never seen before and a good deal shot by Copland himself (hence the "self portrait" of the title). From his formative Paris years under Nadia Boulanger to his triumphs in Hollywood, on the concert platform and working with the great American choreographers of the 1940s, the camera always seems to have been present. The most valuable clips are undoubtedly of Agnes de Mille dancing in her own production of *Rodeo* and of Martha Graham similarly prominent in the first production of *Appalachian Spring*.

There are some splendid extracts from the films *The Heiress* and *Of Mice and Men*, with Copland's score matching the latter's famously brutal fight scene slug for slug. Less happily conceived is the absurdly reverential voice-over.

Of the celebrities wheeled in to eulogize the great man, Bernstein provides the most memorable, if characteristically indulgent, description. He calls Copland "a pioneer, a craftsman, a lofty thinker, homespun, sweet-tempered, giggly, modest, friendly, helpful, wise, Lincolnesque, the ideal blend of simplicity and sophistication, dean of American music, the practical poet, the stern prophet, the cheerful spartan . . . good God, what's left to say?".

**Richard Morrison**

## GALLERIES

### David Roberts

Barbican

Surely few British artists can have had such a surprising power as *David Roberts* to encompass both the heroic and the intimate. Naturally the first impression one comes away with from the major retrospective at the Barbican (until January 4) is of the amazing scale and looming sublimity of Roberts's *The Cathedral at Burgos* or the *View from under the Portico of the Temple of Edfou*, which latter summons up exactly for us the age and the attitudes of Shelley's Ozymandias sonnet. But we soon come down from these dizzy heights, and recognize the equal skill Roberts had in depicting the groups of people who give these grand visions their sense of scale.

Roberts seems to have got shunted early into that profitable but not very highly regarded siding labelled "topographical artist". Most of his earliest works in his native Scotland, after a period busily and very practically involved with theatre design in virtual partnership with Clarkson Stanfield, were depictions of Edinburgh and its surroundings, both in terms of the new buildings then going up and on account of the (largely Scott-inspired) antiquarian interest in remains of the mediaeval past. He also had a special feeling for architecture, working a lot with architects on the atmospheric presentation of their designs, much to the disgust of his nearest and dearest, who felt he was wasting his time colouring other men's renderings.

However, this training was no doubt useful to him when he began on his travels – to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during the 1820s, to Spain in the early 1830s, to the Middle East at the end of that decade, and to Italy in the early 1850s. All of these trips were motivated by the gathering of material for book illustrations, for his very successful volumes of lithographs and even, though perhaps incidentally, for the large-scale oil paintings he did when he got back home. There is some intermittent evidence here that he always hankered after the Apocalyptic Sublime, and indeed his *The Israelites Leaving Egypt* of 1829 and *The Destruction of Jerusalem* of 1849 caused something of a stir in their time. (It is interesting now to note how impressionistic was his detailing on the *Israelites* picture, so that looking at it close to one finds it hard to judge exactly what is being represented in most of the cavalcade.)

But finally it is the record he leaves of Egypt at the dawn of modern scientific and archeological interest, and the major churches of Western Europe before they had all been spruced up and restored within an inch of their lives, that makes him of permanent interest. For all his incidental skill with getting the people as well as the buildings right, it is his vision of the splendours of antiquity that marks him out as the finest of his school, and the only one (apart, maybe, from Edward Lear) who saves "topographical artist" from being a term of diminution, if not outright abuse.

**John Russell Taylor**



**Passport to permanent fame: *Ruins of the Temple of Hermonthes, Upper Egypt* (detail)**

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# Who did what — how, why and when?

**The Times 1986 Prize Christmas Quiz is just the stuff to sharpen the brain or test the memory during the festivities and the six winners will each receive a case of champagne to celebrate in style**

It was the year we rediscovered the Titanic and lost the Challenger. We survived Chernobyl and were threatened with Aids. Olof Palme was killed and Kurt Waldheim triumphantly elected.

In Africa a 67th son was crowned king because tradition demanded that the rightful heir should be a left-handed minor with no full brother. In the Philippines a political martyr's widow swept to power after allegedly losing the election. Confusing times, indeed.

In America a poll among political candidates revealed that only weeks after the event most could not correctly recall why America had bombed Libya. Was it an attempt to recover hostages held in Lebanon, revenge for a terrorist attack on Israel, to pre-empt interference in the Iraq-Iran war, or retaliation for a bombing in Berlin?

If you can remember, your chances of winning a champagne prize from what follows will, at least, be better than most American politicians'. The questions all refer to events in 1986. The quiz is designed to be fairly difficult, so it could be worth entering even if you are not confident all your answers are correct. The winners will be able to toast their good fortune with a classic Moet & Chandon vintage champagne.

## POLITICAL PLOYS

**1 Which former Prime Minister played himself on television?**
(a) Edward Heath?
(b) James Callaghan?
(c) Harold Wilson?
(d) Malcolm Fraser?

**2 Which former Prime Minister was discovered trouserless in Memphis?**
(a) Edward Heath?
(b) James Callaghan?
(c) Harold Wilson?
(d) Malcolm Fraser?

**3 Which former Prime Minister fell in the Thames?**
(a) Edward Heath?
(b) James Callaghan?
(c) Harold Wilson?
(d) Lord Home?

**4 Who fled a week after declaring that his grip was as firm as a monkey's tail?**
(a) Ex-Emperor Bokassa?
(b) Ex-President Marcos?
(c) Baby Doc Duvalier?
(d) Trevor Nunn?

**5 Who fled immediately after his reinauguration?**
(a) Ex-Emperor Bokassa?
(b) Ex-President Marcos?
(c) Baby Doc Duvalier?
(d) Trevor Nunn?

**6 Which President announced that he had given up smoking and added: "I don't miss it, and I feel better"?**
(a) Ronald Reagan?
(b) Fidel Castro?
(c) Francois Mitterrand?
(d) Li Xiannian?

**7 Which President promised to concentrate on his golf after 1990?**
(a) Fernando Campomanes?
(b) Zia Ul-Haq?
(c) P.W. Botha?
(d) Augusto Pinochet?

**8 Which President apologized for massacring fish?**
(a) Weizsacker of West Germany?
(b) Alfonsin of Argentina?
(c) Egli of Switzerland?
(d) Gromyko of the Soviet Union?

## WHO SPOKE?

**9 Who said: "I want to say goodbye, farewell to this funny movement, this fallacy, this international falsehood"?**
(a) Michael Jopling about the Common Agricultural Policy?
(b) Robert Maxwell about the Commonwealth Games?
(c) Timothy Raison about the Overseas Development Administration?
(d) Colonel Gaddafi about the non-aligned movement?

**10 Who said: "I do remember that room service was rather slow that night. I had to wait three and a half hours before anyone came"?**
(a) Ian Botham, about allegations of misbehaviour on tour in New Zealand?
(b) Frank Bruno after fighting Tim Witherspoon?
(c) Norman Tebbit in Brighton?
(d) Prince Andrew speaking on television about life in the Navy?

**11 Who wrote: "There is no place for me with honour in such a Cabinet"?**
(a) Michael Heseltine?
(b) Leon Brittan?
(c) Cecil Parkinson?
(d) Juan Ponce Enrile?

**12 Sir Robert Armstrong said: "It was being economical with the truth". Was he speaking of:**
(a) A speech by Margaret Thatcher?
(b) A briefing by Bernard Ingham?
(c) A statement by Sir Michael Havers?
(d) A letter written by himself?



**A: At whom was Prince William directing this gesture?**
(a) Miss Lindka Cierach? (b) Miss Laura Fellowes? (c) The Princess of Wales? (d) The Archbishop of Canterbury?

**13 "I've got a better background than anyone who married into the Royal Family since the war, except.....". Did Princess Michael name:**
(a) The Princess of Wales?
(b) Lord Snowdon?
(c) Mr Angus Ogilvy?
(d) Prince Philip?

**14 Who said: "I would die for my country but I could never let my country die for me"?**
(a) Bruce Kent?
(b) Corey Aquino?
(c) Rajiv Gandhi?
(d) Neil Kinnock?

**15 Who said: "To get the best results you must talk to your vegetables"?**
(a) Raymond Blanc?
(b) Doris Stokes?
(c) Clay Jones?
(d) Prince Charles?

**16 Who said: "So at home have you made me feel that you have even got demonstrations outside. How very thoughtful."**
(a) Pik Botha in South Korea?
(b) Margaret Thatcher in Norway?
(c) President Mitterrand in Canterbury when signing the Channel Tunnel treaty?
(d) President Marcos in Hawaii?

**17 Who complained of "the unadulterated trivia, rubbish, and gratuitous troublemaking that appears in the media"?**
(a) Norman Tebbit?
(b) Lord Rothschild?
(c) Robert Maxwell?
(d) Princess Anne?

**18 "A load of garbage". Was this the opinion voiced by:**
(a) Mr Justice Powell of a submission by the British government?
(b) Mr Stephen Solarz of President Reagan's speech about the Iranian arms deal?
(c) Mr Ed Koch of the Soviet government?
(d) Mr Chirac of the British government's account of Syrian involvement in terrorism?

**19 Who said: "One wants to mutter deeply that apart from having two good legs I also have two good degrees"?**
(a) Margaret Thatcher?
(b) Steve Ovett?
(c) Edwina Currie?
(d) Wayne Eagling?

**20 Someone explained: "It is only a change in location of the two individuals". Was it:**
(a) The captain of Somerset cricket club speaking of Garner and Richards?
(b) George Shultz denying a spy swap?
(c) Margaret Thatcher speaking of Leon Brittan and Michael Heseltine?
(d) The managing director of Guinness explaining his decision not to have a Scottish chairman for Distillers?

**21 Who said: "God must reflect all that is female"?**
(a) Mrs Runcie?
(b) Germaine Greer?
(c) The Bishop of Durham?
(d) The Pope?

**22 Who told representatives of the press: "Thanks very much lads. Tarrah."**
(a) Myra Hindley?
(b) Dame Anna Neagle?
(c) Pat Phoenix?
(d) The Duchess of York?

**23 Who said: "I'm trusting in the Lord and a good lawyer"?**
(a) Richard Ingrams?
(b) John Fleming?
(c) John de Lorean?
(d) Lt.-Col. Oliver North?

**24 Who said: "If there was a mass market in nuclear weapons, we'd market them too"?**
(a) Tiny Rowland?
(b) Yitzhak Shamir?
(c) Ivan Boesky?
(d) Alan Sugar?

**25 Who told the Queen: "Believe me, it was harder work getting into this suit"?**
(a) John Paul Getty II?
(b) Bob Geldof?
(c) Luciano Pavarotti?
(d) Deng Xiaoping?

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**26 Who had great success with a project called Restaurants de Coeur?**
(a) Pierre Cardin?
(b) Kennedy Brookes?
(c) The late Coluche?
(d) The Roux brothers?



**B: Was Emperor Hirohito:**
(a) Pearl fishing?
(b) Collecting seaweed and shrimps?
(c) At a wishing well
(d) Planting rice?



**C: Is this:**
(a) The leader of British Sikhdom?
(b) A racing tipster on Derby Day?
(c) The British Foreign Secretary?
(d) An Indian financier protesting his innocence of fraud charges?

**27 Who made a really useful stock exchange debut?**
(a) Richard Branson?
(b) Adam Faith?
(c) Andrew Lloyd-Webber?
(d) Mrs Fields?

**28 Who failed to lift the roof off the Albert Hall?**
(a) Placido Domingo because he sold fewer tickets than Luciano Pavarotti?
(b) Luciano Pavarotti because he was singing elsewhere?
(c) Saatchi and Saatchi for a British Airways television commercial?
(d) Westland helicopters which lacked pulling power?

**29 Who was honoured by the Sports Education Council as Sports Supporter of 1985?**
(a) The Queen Mother?
(b) Elton John?
(c) Robert Maxwell?
(d) Denis Thatcher?

**30 Who became chairman of the BBC?**
(a) Lord King?
(b) Duke Hussey?
(c) Derry Mainwaring Knight?
(d) Lord Young?

## CLAIMS TO FAME

**31 Who suggested that Aids came from outer space?**
(a) James Anderton?
(b) Ronald Reagan?
(c) Fred Hoyle?
(d) Steven Spielberg?

**32 Who is chairing a government committee to combat the Aids virus?**
(a) Terence Higgins MP?
(b) Lord Whitelaw?
(c) Fred Hoyle?
(d) Norman Fowler?

**33 Who claimed that Airey Neave had been killed by MI6?**
(a) Ian Paisley?
(b) Nigel West (Rupert Allason)?
(c) Joan Miller?
(d) Enoch Powell?

**34 Who claimed yellow rain had come from bees?**
(a) Fred Hoyle?
(b) Leo Abse?
(c) Brian Sedgemore?
(d) Tam Dalyell?

**35 The director-general of television read out his resignation during a news broadcast. Was it:**
(a) In Britain, as part of a BBC documentary?
(b) In Poland, because of hitches with General Jaruzelski's New Year broadcast?
(c) In Mexico, because of faults with World Cup coverage?
(d) In France, because of complaints over election broadcasts?

**36 Who is the head of Sudbury Infants School?**
(a) Glenys Kinnock?
(b) Ellis David?
(c) Maureen McGoldrick?
(d) Ray Anderson?

**37 Which group did Lord Hailsham tell that their profession must be regarded as an obstacle to national reform?**
(a) Print workers?
(b) Journalists?
(c) Teachers?
(d) Lawyers?



**D: Were these tanks:**
(a) Withdrawing from Afghanistan? (b) Preparing for the World Cup in Mexico City? (c) Awaiting British football fans in Amsterdam? (d) On exercise at Heathrow airport?



**E: Was this poster:**
(a) Used by Princess Stephanie of Monaco to launch her swimsuit designs? (b) Withdrawn after protests from religious zealots? (c) Used in the French election campaigns? (d) Modelled by the teenager who claimed to have been a Rolling Stone's lover?



**F: Is this:**
(a) A Care Bear?
(b) The Duchess of York's going-away mascot?
(c) Teddy Ruxpin?
(d) The President of the U.S.?

**38 Who was alleged to have travelled to Iran on a false passport carrying a Bible and cakes?**
(a) Terry Waite?
(b) Rear-Admiral Poindexter?
(c) Robert McFarlane?
(d) William Casey?

**39 Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature?**
(a) Kingsley Amis?
(b) Wole Soyinka?
(c) Elie Wiesel?
(d) Ted Hughes?

## ALL AT SEA

**40 Which sank off New Zealand?**
(a) the Rainbow Warrior?
(b) Mikhail Lermontov?
(c) Admiral Nakhimov?
(d) Nicholas Daniloff?

**41 Which vessel rescued refugees from South Yemen?**
(a) Aurigae?
(b) QE2?
(c) The African Queen?
(d) Britannia?

**42 Which vessel was searched for drugs at the end of a race?**
(a) Drum?
(b) Virgin Challenger II?
(c) White Crusader?
(d) Kings Abbey?

**43 Which vessel went home to Dundee?**
(a) The African Queen?
(b) Britannia?
(c) Discovery?
(d) The former SS Uganda?

**44 Which vessel robbed Southend of a world record?**
(a) Virgin Challenger II?
(b) Kings Abbey?
(c) Britannia?
(d) Koningin Beatrix?

**45 Which vessel disembarked Tamil refugees off Newfoundland?**
(a) Aurigae?
(b) Kowloon Bridge?
(c) Drum?
(d) Discovery?

## ODDITIES

**46 Which verse did Tass report that a parrot in Minsk could recite in English:**
(a) Limericks by Edward Lear?
(b) *The Crown of the Kingdom* by Ted Hughes?
(c) Shakespeare's eighth sonnet?
(d) *Polly put the kettle on*?

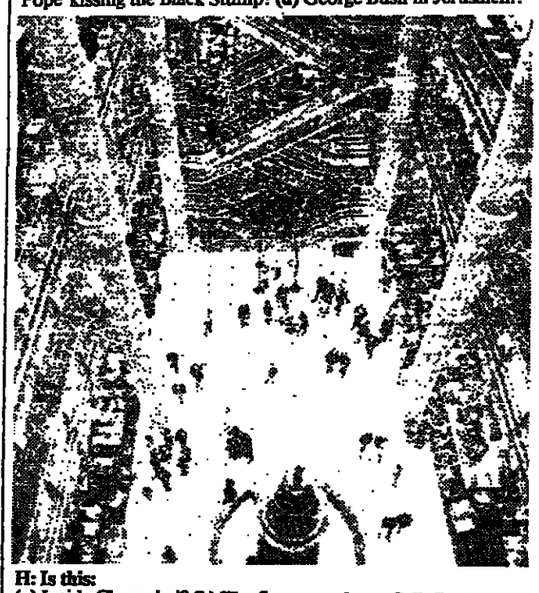
**47 Two sides tied a Test match, only the second time such a thing has occurred. Was it:**
(a) Australia and India?
(b) England and New Zealand?
(c) West Indies and Pakistan?
(d) England and Australia?

**48 Which tests are United States federal employees obliged to take:**
(a) Lie detector tests?
(b) Drug tests?
(c) Breathalyzer tests?
(d) Intelligence tests?

**49 Which actress was awarded more than $10 million damages for unfair dismissal because she put on her make-up at home?**
(a) Raquel Welch?
(b) Charlene Tilton?
(c) Victoria Principal?
(d) Joan Collins?



**G: Is this:**
(a) Clint Eastwood accepting inauguration as Mayor of Carmel? (b) Anatoly Shcharansky arriving in Israel? (c) the Pope kissing the Black Stump? (d) George Bush in Jerusalem?



**H: Is this:**
(a) Inside Chernobyl? (b) The first open day at Sellafield? (c) The Stock Exchange floor after Big Bang? (d) Lloyd's underwriting room?

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10 Nebraska livestock centre (5)
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12 Delightful surprise (5)
13 Lisbon river (5)
15 Steep Western hill (5)
16 Number Ten iron (5)
18 Sperm (5)
20 Accommodate (5)
21 Apprehensive (7)
23 Supporter (4)
24 City work traveller (8)

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3 Leguminous plant (3)
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6 Absent (4)
7 Brawl (6)
8 City commercial area (8)
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14 Amusement chaser (8)
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22 Cane spirit (3)

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# SPECTRUM

# A million dollar screen test

**The ratings proved that *Hill Street Blues* was a wise buy for Channel 4, but will its successor prove successful? ITV and BBC are both in the market, but it's the package that counts in the strange world of programme purchasing. Henry Fenwick joined both sides in November as they wheeled and dealed in Los Angeles**



Coming soon: the stars of *Hill Street Blues* successor *LA Law* (left) and *Head of the Class*, a series set in a high school

Combine a poker game, a Sunday School outing, a film festival and a minuet, and you have a fair idea of it. Introduce some famous faces, hang a few million pounds on the outcome, and you have all the ingredients of the sort of television show that will run and run.

But this show is for real, played every November in Los Angeles by the top executives of ITV and the BBC. And out of it come a great many of the programmes British viewers will see in 1987.

The trappings are, of course, plush, in the best Hollywood style: the commercial TV group traditionally stays at the Beverly Wilshire, a rather grand old (in Los Angeles terms) hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, hard by Rodeo Drive, where consumer capitalism celebrates itself. The BBC, more reserved, stays at the Bel Air, a secluded haven for the wealthy half a mile from Sunset Boulevard.

Usually they are there for the same week, weaving their separate ways between the studios, occasionally catching glimpses of each other across a crowded lobby as each group pursues its deals. "We don't necessarily set out to avoid each other," said Alan Howden, general manager of BBC programme acquisitions. "If we walk into the lobby of the Beverly Wilshire to have a meeting with someone then we'd probably meet them. It's not unusual."

This year, because of the BBC's anniversary celebrations, the two groups overlapped, the BBC contingent coming early. Yet in a sense they are always together, linked by a gentleman's agreement which leaves them unable to conclude any deal until the other side has made its position clear.

The BBC is usually a small contingent: this year there was Michael Grade (director of programmes), Alan Howden and his deputy Barry Brown. There had been talk of Bill Cotton (managing director) and Graeme McDonald, (controller BBC 2), joining the expedition, but at the last minute both had to stay behind.

ITV, by contrast, comes en masse. This year 12 of them were making the rounds. "It's unavoidable, really," says Leslie Halliwell, programme buyer for ITV. "If more than two come – that is, the chairman and the buyer, then all the companies have to be fully represented. We managed not to lose any this year. Last year we lost my assistant at one stage."

If it sounds unwieldy, it is. The BBC, with its fewer numbers, clearly has a much easier time coming to decisions – or just in getting to places. The day starts early for both groups and goes on late. "The trip becomes more of a strain than you should be asked to bear," Halliwell told me half-way through it. "You're trying to do deals as well, you see. We've seen 48 separate programmes in four days this week and each day we've been to four different locations and it doesn't leave a lot of time, with people always ringing. But there are deals to be done.

"My day starts at six o'clock in the morning, ringing back home, and usually finishes in the bar at midnight. You tend to do a deal with each of the majors at least once a year, and very often it finishes up in the bar, scribbling on bits of paper."

**'We are rude to people but they understand'**

"Usually we see two to three sellers a day throughout the week", Howden said. "You normally go to the studio and see the product there, spend half a day, have lunch or dinner with the seller. You can identify the players fairly easily – it's MCA, Paramount, Warner Bros, Twentieth Century Fox, MGM-UA, Orion. And other people are coming into the game for the first time this year, like New World – they have *Crime Story*, the new series by Michael Mann, who created *Miami Vice*."

Both sides have an idea before they arrive not only of what they are going to be seeing, but of what they are going to want. This year it had already been clear for several months that *LA Law*, a new series by Steven Bochco, the creator of *Hill Street Blues*, was going to be the quality show of the year. And while quality isn't necessarily synonymous with desirability, both sides knew they were going to be interested.

There was also an array of comedies – and both sides needed comedy. "In the past we've pursued action or glitzy soap operas," Howden said. "We made comedies ourselves. But we don't really make enough now – especially for early evening."

The BBC had its eyes on *Head of the Class*, a comedy about a substitute school teacher; *Perfect Strangers*, about a young professional and his immigrant cousin who comes to stay; *LA Law* and perhaps *Crime Story*. ITV was interested in *LA Law* and also looking for comedy. "We know basically what we're going to be looking at – we have to because we have to *time* it," Halliwell said. "We have to have the cars waiting at either end because if the decision-makers get bored they want to walk out and find the cars waiting. One company threw us a bit the other day because they decided to make speeches at us for half-an-hour, which cut into the screening time.

"When they finished they said 'Thank you very much for listening' and I said 'Thank *you* very much – I think our coaches are at the door.'

"We're very rude to a lot of the people here but they understand that we're all professionals and if we watch only 20 minutes of something and then say we don't want to see any more, that's it."

The main competition was clearly over *LA Law*, which both sides wanted – though with differing degrees of intensity. "We don't *need* it in any positive sense," Howden said on the eve of final negotiation. "But since it is as good as it promised to be we don't want to let it go.

"The problem with *LA Law* is that it's easy for people in the entertainment business to accept it. It's up-scale in terms of lifestyle – but then, so is *Dallas* and that's no disability. But *Dallas* is pure fantasy and *LA Law* is about some of the real difficulties in the practise of law. That is where I think it has some problems for an English audience – in English society very few people ever have contact with lawyers except when they're buying or selling a house.

**'We have seen 48 programmes in four days'**

Many ordinary people may find the whole world completely foreign."

He may, of course, have already been preparing himself for the likelihood of losing it. The competition is rarely a simple matter of the highest bidder – it becomes, instead, a matter of creative packaging. "We try not to waste money," Halliwell said. "You don't want to get into a bidding situation where you're just putting the price up against each other, because it's all British money going out of the country. So one tries to pay a fair price.

"The cost of a one-hour TV series will vary between $30,000 and $35,000 for one run in the UK. Half-hour comedies are generally on a much lower budget – they get 10 to 12. The mini-series get more per hour on the presumption that they take a lot more setting-up, especially if they're based on a best-selling book. Then you're getting up to $100,000 an hour and when you've got *North and South* or *Winds of War* you go higher.

"But they're still cheaper than buying feature films. One million dollars would get you three feature films – say five-and-a-half hours – whereas it would get you 10 hours of mini-series. So if you're going to indulge in a sort of auction, then you do it by adding bits and pieces to the package that you can use, trying not to buy anything you can't use."

The BBC seems to think ITV has an advantage in these negotiations, because it has more slots in which it can air odd bits of product. ITV thinks it has obstacles the BBC doesn't even begin to know about. "ITV is hampered as a scheduling entity by all manner of things, but we manage to soldier through," Halliwell said. "The BBC has many fewer hurdles and somehow we usually manage to beat them – despite Michael Grade's reported scheduling genius. It's not difficult to be a good scheduler if you can follow your own hunches. The trick is to be a good scheduler when there are 12 of you with different hunches."

In the event, Halliwell created a package with Twentieth Century Fox for *LA Law* that the BBC was unable – or unwilling – to match. "It was a question of the amount of product that one was willing to take," said Bill Saunders, the English-born head of Fox's International Sales. "Their job is to get what they want at the lowest price and our job is to sell the maximum amount of product at the maximum price.

"In the event ITV took a series called *9 to 5* (based on the Jane Fonda film) with Sally Struthers. It's fun, it's relaxing, it's good stuff. And some good TV movies: *Peyton Place, The Next Generation*, a remake of *A Letter to Three Wives*, a TV movie called *Popeye Doyle*, based on the character in *The French Connection*. And feature films – *Boy on a Dolphin, My Cousin Rachel, Do Not Disturb* – wonderful catalogue films. Fox has got a catalogue of 2,000 titles.

**'Have you got the Shirley Temples?'**

"And it's not always just us building up the deal – Alan or Lesley may say 'Have you got the Shirley Temples?' 'Put the Charlie Chans in, or the Mr Motos'. The BBC got the Chans, ITV got the Motos. I try to eliminate going backwards and forwards; instead it's very nice and gentlemanly and that's the way we want it. It's very much a split down the middle. If it's not the BBC's deal this time, it'll be next time.

"We want to please both sides, I want to be on both channels. I don't want anybody to go away from here feeling hurt in any way. It's a small family in this business. You're in touch with the same people every day. But family struggles differ in gentlemanliness."

Luckily for each side, their reactions to the comedies on offer this year were totally different. "A lot of the comedies which the critics liked we found unattractive to British tastes," Halliwell said. He did not like *Head of the Class*, so the BBC had no competition. Ignoring *Perfect Strangers*, ITV bought *Amen*, a comedy about a black deacon of a Baptist church which Halliwell believes will be instantly recognizable to British churchgoers and the BBC took *Strangers*. As part of the Fox deal, of course, ITV has *9 to 5*. "We were looking for comedy for daytime and that seemed as good as any."

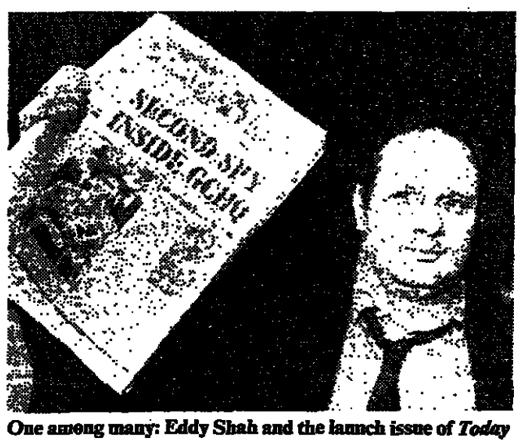
ITV also bought *Alf*, a comedy about an alien creature rather like ET. "We need a half-hour for early evening and it's a silly little comedy, rather like Basil Brush, so we got it in the hope that the children will be pleased by the look of the thing."

Each side, looking a little punch-drunk, gathers up its own treasures, sneering slightly at the bargains in the opposition's arms. Just like any good market.

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# The year sanity broke out

**Ghosts of Christmas past haunt Fleet Street as the press finds promise in the east, reports Jonathan Miller**




One among many: Eddy Shah and the launch issue of *Today*

In the increasingly deserted wine bars and pubs of Fleet Street, 1986 will be remembered as the year when tradition finally surrendered to decisive management, armed with new technology.

There were intimations of change even before the year began. Last Christmas, Mr Eddy Shah, the proprietor of a group of provincial free sheets, was preparing to launch *Today*, a new national daily newspaper, equipping his journalists with computer terminals instead of typewriters, and setting his type photographically, rather than in metal.

The print unions hated Mr Shah and had fiercely resisted his efforts to introduce computerized typesetting at his local newspapers; they were confident they could disrupt *Today* as well.

But Shah was not the only proprietor with fresh ideas. News International, publisher of *The Times, The Sunday Times, the Sun* and *News of the World*, titles which for years had been subjected to production disruptions and arbitrary working practices, asked the unions to accept a legally-binding contract with a no strike clause.

The unions refused to believe that News International could make such an agreement stick, and voted to strike. The company responded by moving into a new printing plant in Wapping, east London, and resumed production without them.

The move radically altered the balance of power in the national newspaper industry. When picketing, boycotts and often violent attacks on News International property and employees failed to stop production, the impotence of the print unions was exposed.

Suddenly, it dawned on the rest of the industry that the days of overmanning and wildcat strikes could be over. The flight from Fleet Street began, and is certain to accelerate next year, when Fleet Street and its environs will have only ghostly reminders of its former glory as the palaces of the publishers are redeveloped into offices for merchant bankers.

Consequently, Associated Newspapers, publishers of the *Daily Mail, Mail on Sunday* and *Evening Standard*, is moving its journalists to Kensington, and its printing works to the former Surrey Docks, south of the River Thames.

The *Daily Telegraph* has already moved much of its printing to the Isle of Dogs in London's East End, and plans to move its journalists there by next spring, although it must still complete negotiations with its unions.

*The Financial Times*, which must also complete union negotiations for compulsory redundancies, plans a printing plant at the East India docks and is scouting locations for an editorial and business headquarters.

An Isle of Dogs plant for *The Guardian* has been completed and *The Observer* plans to move its editorial offices to Battersea in March, and shift printing to four provincial centers, dismissing its entire London printing workforce.

At Mirror Group newspapers, the new-technology *London Daily News* is scheduled to appear in February and Mr Robert Maxwell, the proprietor, wants to disperse his printing operations around the country.

*The Independent*, the new quality daily launched in October, has installed itself away from Fleet Street on City Road, and is printing its papers at four provincial sites.

Fleet Holdings, owner of the *Daily Express, Daily Star* and *Sunday Express*, has achieved a one-third cut in its 6,000 staff, and is likely to make a decision next year to abandon its black glass building on Fleet Street.

In its annual report, the Press Council called the changes that have overtaken Fleet Street "so profound, they fully deserve to be called a revolution."

# Lowered sights over missed targets

**Amid a year of turmoil in the national newspaper industry, *The Independent* was launched in October with hopes that it would rapidly establish itself as a new national quality title. Nearly three months later, it is missing its circulation target by more than 100,000 copies a day.**

**It is having to discount heavily its advertising charges and other newspaper managers and independent analysts believe that it may soon face financial problems.**

**Advertising agencies say they are able to buy display space in the newspaper for 30 to 50 per cent less than the price stated in the advertising ratecard. Some report they have been offered pages for discounts of 80 per cent or more for space booked late on the day before publication.**

**Aided by a £3 million promotion budget, *The Independent* achieved a successful launch and was widely-acclaimed for its technical quality compared with the troubled launch of *Today*. It sold 650,000 copies on the first day of publication on October 7, but sales declined steeply in the following three weeks and have continued to drop at a slower pace since.**

**New titles are sensitive about sales targets and real circulation figures. For the last month, The Independent has been claiming sales of "over 300,000." But rival newspaper managements, who monitor each others' sales closely, say these figures are over optimistic. The most quoted industry estimate is 262,000, based on sampling techniques claimed to have an error rate of less than one per cent. Other estimates put the figure even lower.**

**When it was launched, Adrian O'Neill, *The Independent*'s advertising and marketing director, forecast that sales would settle down to between 350,000 and 400,000 copies over the first three or four months of publication with a break-even figure of 373,000.**

**The newspaper's management has now backed away from these forecasts. They say that costs have been lower than projected and claim that sales of display advertising have exceeded expectations. As a result, they assert that the newspaper can now break even financially on a circulation lower than first believed. *Media Week*, an industry publication, reported on December 12 that the paper can now survive on a circulation of only 300,000. But the heavy discounting of advertising may call for further reassessment.**

***The Independent* was launched on the proceeds of an £18 million share flotation and a £3 million bank overdraft. The prospectus forecast that on a circulation of 373,000, the paper would make a loss of £3 million in its first year of publication and a profit of £4 million in the second.**

**The prospectus conceded, however, that if circulation fell 20 per cent below expectations, to 293,000, the first year loss would increase to £4 million and there would be a further loss in the second year of £1.6 million.**


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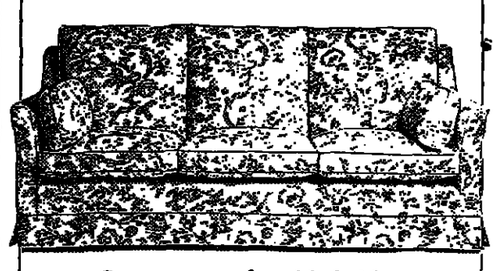
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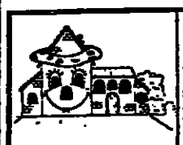
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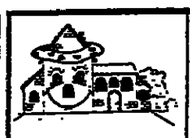
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The Royal Family's 'elegant workhorse' will be 50 tomorrow; **Alan Hamilton** assesses Princess Alexandra

# The princess fit for any kingdom

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Yet she rarely appears on the front pages these days, her light outshone by those super-exposed media stars, the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York and her sister-in-law, Princess Michael of Kent. Princess Alexandra is 50 tomorrow, and although the Royal camera pack now largely ignores her in favour of her younger cousins, she remains the Royal Family's workhorse, shouldering more than her fair share of the load with never so much as a scowl to spoil her untarnished image.

Others may have taken over the front-line high-glamour engagements, but Alexandra's diary remains as full as ever. In the recent past she has, among many other duties, visited the Royal Hong Kong Police, called on the King and Queen of Thailand, opened the British Airways terminal at John F. Kennedy airport in New York, presented the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at the race meeting in Keeneland, Kentucky, and opened Range Rover's export showrooms in Washington.

At home she is the figurehead of, among many other bodies, the British Red Cross Society, the Mental Health Foundation, the Royal Navy and RAF nursing services, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Alexandra Rose Day (named after Queen Alexandra, consort to Edward VII), and Chancellor of Lancaster University.

Alexandra shares with her brothers the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael the rare distinction of being a cousin both of the Queen, through her grandfather King George V, and the Duke of Edinburgh, through her mother Princess Marina, a member of the Greek royal family.

She lost her father, the Duke of Kent, in a wartime flying accident when she was only six, and was raised by her mother at the old family home of Coppins, at Iver in Buckinghamshire, now sold because of difficulties in making it secure. She was recruited into the Royal Circus at an early stage in the present Queen's reign, when there were far fewer princesses to share the monarch's schedule. Her first major public appearance, at the age of 18, was to accompany her mother on a tour of Canada and the United States, and the work has not stopped since.



Year by year: bridesmaid in 1946 (left), off to Nigeria (1960) and to Mexico (1984)

Alexandra broke new royal ground in several areas. While the then Princess Elizabeth was educated by carefully-chosen tutors inside Buckingham Palace, Alexandra was the first royal princess to attend a "real" school — Heathfield at Ascot — and she pioneered the royal walkabout long before her cousin the sovereign dared mix so freely with her subjects. Her education was completed by a nursing course at Great Ormond Street children's hospital, under the name of Nurse Kent, and a spell at a Paris finishing school, where her natural charm and easy manner received a final polish.

Part of her good fortune has been a secure marriage to Angus Ogilvy, second son of the Earl of Airlie with a background of Eton, the Scots Guards. But her married life has not all been plain sailing: shortly after their wedding at Westminster Abbey in 1963 her husband was hit in the back by a speedboat while swimming in the Mediterranean, and has suffered recurrent pain ever since.

There was further trouble in 1973 when Ogilvy quit the board of Lonrho in a well-publicized row with the company's chief executive, Tiny Rowland, and felt obliged to steer well clear of the City for some time afterwards, devoting himself to good works (he eventually re-emerged with his reputation intact, and now sits on the boards of several prestige companies, including Sotheby's, MEPC, and Rank).

Alexandra always made it a rule that she would keep her official diary as clear as possible during school holidays to be with her children, but that no longer applies: James, now 22, is in his final year of an arts degree at St Andrews while Marina, at 20, has yet to find a steady career. Neither will inherit a title, for "Royal Highness" runs out with the sovereign's grandchildren unless they are in direct line to the throne, and their father, being only the second son of an earl, does not even have his "Honourable" to pass on.

Their mother leads a very private life when not on public duty, and the family home at Thatched House Lodge in Richmond Park, built in 1727 for Sir Robert Walpole, has remained a well-guarded sanctuary (though it is less insulated from aircraft passing overhead on their final approach to Heathrow). She swims, often in her own heated pool at home, rides and skis, enjoys private dinner parties with friends, and is a regular visitor to art exhibitions and the opera, with the English National Opera among her many patronages.

The family income is chiefly from Ogilvy's directorships, but the Princess does receive an annual allowance, currently £120,900, from the Civil List, actually provided from the Queen's private resources. It, like the Civil List allowances of the Kents and Gloucesters, goes chiefly on the salaries of her very small and intensely loyal staff.

She has had the same maid, Marjorie Dawson, since she was 18. One of her two part-time ladies-in-waiting, Lady Mary Mumford, has been with her since 1964. Her long-standing private secretary, Mona Mitchell, runs Alexandra's public life from a tiny office in a corner of St James's Palace.

Alexandra, a tall, elegant woman, will strike envy into many another reaching her half-century. She is received with exceptional warmth wherever she goes, not so much because of her appearance but because of her talent, probably unequalled within the leading members of the Royal Family, for being easy and entirely unstuffy without losing her natural dignity. Yet she has never given an interview; she knows full well that the art of being a princess requires a little bit of magic.

# Where the body meets the soul

Underneath a London church, **Gitta Sereny** uncovers a remarkable experiment

Mark Pepper



Open door policy: Dr Pietroni (left) and the Rev Hamel-Cooke will welcome all-comers in the crypt of good health

Early next year a remarkable development in medical research will begin when the St Marylebone Centre for Healing and Counselling opens in London.

Two of Britain's most innovative young architects, Nicky and John Braithwaite, have been working for two years on converting the 10,000 square foot crypt beneath St Marylebone church into a centre handling a variety of orthodox medical programmes, "alternative" disciplines, the church's own healing unit, lay therapists, and counselling services representing various faiths.

There will also be a Magnetic Resonance Imaging scanner, which is one of the most sophisticated new diagnostic devices for people suffering from diseases of the central nervous system.

Extensive computer facilities will evaluate the linking of orthodox and alternative treatments, thereby establishing a scientific basis for comparison and analysis of alternative (or "complementary") medical disciplines. The computer will co-ordinate and store the team's social, bio-statistical, psycho-physiological and informational research.

The church rector, Christopher Hamel-Cooke, whose idea the centre was, had long felt the need to build new bridges between religion and medicine. So, when he came to St Marylebone in 1981, he realised that the crypt, a huge warren of unused space beneath the church, could be used to bridge the gap between body and soul. Why not, he proposed to church and medical authorities, reverse the hospital model and "appoint a doctor to the chaplaincy".

"Nobody knows", he says, "how many illnesses are of emotional origin, but without any doubt, with the increasing stresses of modern life, it is an enormous number. The word psychosomatic has come to have quite false negative connotations. The fact is that doctors, under an onslaught of basically undiagnosable ills, with which they have neither the time nor the training to deal, resort to the only means at their disposal: tranquillizers. But the vast majority of them are very unhappy about this and are perfectly aware that treating symptoms only by chemical means is not treating the 'disease'."

## Merging the orthodox with alternatives

The concept behind the centre was supported by highly-influential church and lay personalities such as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Hailsham, and Sir Douglas Black, formerly President of the Royal College of Physicians. They are among the sponsors and trustees of the project.

They have attracted more than a thousand donors — multinational funds, foundations, corporations and individuals — who have contributed more than £900,000 — well over two-thirds of the estimated building cost.

Although a chaplain has been appointed to the crypt, Mr. Hamel-Cooke expects to spend a good deal of time there himself. "I see our role as counselling, praying and the laying on of hands, in that order, and I imagine and hope that many of the patients who will attend the medical side, will choose to come to our monthly healing services on the first Sunday of the month."

He is anxious to emphasize, however, that Christian healing, as they practise it, is not spiritualist healing. "This notion that healing energies flow from the healers' hands and cure illnesses is not ours. It can happen, of course, but our belief is based upon the ancient words we pronounce as we lay on hands "God made you, made you whole".

The director of the medical side of the centre, 43-year-old Dr Patrick Pietroni, senior lecturer in general practice at St. Mary's Hospital medical school in Paddington, is bringing into the project as equal partners a number of alternative, or "complementary", medical services. They will each have their own surgeries.

A pioneer in advocating and teaching the "whole person" approach to medicine, he will be transferring his own large NHS practice and a holistic medicine research project he runs to the crypt.

Dr Pietroni is passionate about the deficiencies in medical training for doctors in Britain. Until eight or 10 years ago, he says, general medicine was a stepchild of medical training. "Before that, if a student chose to specialise in general practice, he was considered beyond the pale. 'Fallen off the ladder', they called it. Now, significantly enough, 50 to 60 per cent of the brightest medical students chose general practice and — demand always creating supply — this social-academic pressure has forced medical schools to provide courses."

## Avoiding the quacks and amateurs

"In any one month", said Dr Pietroni, quoting from three studies, "out of every 1,000 adults between 16 and 65, 750 will develop a symptom of some kind; 250 of them will visit their GP (the other 500 choosing to ignore what could be important indications of illness); 10 of those will be referred to hospital and only one will be seen at a teaching hospital — a situation which defies the establishment of proper health care for the nation and proper teaching of young doctors."

He says that only people can change health care: "a civilization that achieves a different kind of communicative maturity will create this new relationship between doctor and patient."

Doctors, he says, must learn to listen and develop personal contact. Students find this human approach so exciting that one then has to turn around and bring them back to science and its enormous benefits. "It's the *combination* of the two they have to learn, a different application of the art, if you like". That, he says, is what "holistic medicine" means.

He accepts that there is always a danger of quackery and well-meaning amateurs. "But that is why the St Marylebone project is so exciting", he says. "At last we have an opportunity to research the relevance and application of all kinds of methods under benevolent but controlled conditions."

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# 'Most women aren't mercenary about gifts, we merely want our security confirmed'

One of the advantages of being the daughter of lapsed Jews is that one gets dreadfully spoiled. Each December, my parents had an attack of roots, and so we children would celebrate both Chanukkah and Christmas. The gift opportunities were breath-taking.

Perhaps that is why I always counted the days to Christmas with special zeal, although I think that is not the entire reason. My parents, being richer in wisdom than in money, made a special point of emphasizing the fantasy of the holiday season. Perhaps I didn't believe it all, but I believed enough. To this day, tinsel reminds me of an excitement so intense that it seemed to fill my whole tummy.

The tinsel becomes a little tarnished when you are grown-up, but even the most cynical salesperson can't diminish my pleasure in gifts. My husband had a mad seizure a short time ago and went off looking at frightfully expensive jewellery for me. Normally, he wouldn't have mentioned it but he happened to go into a London shop called "Graff" and asked to see a gold bracelet, something, he suggested, like the one the saleswoman was wearing. As he asked, a man behind the counter looked my spouse over: "No, don't show him that", he said to the girl. "It's too expensive for him".

It is true that my husband's sartorial choices are not always up to scratch. However, he is always scrupulously groomed and, unlike me, has an enviable credit rating. He was horrified by this remark, but being a man of manners he chose not to do something vulgar and quietly left the shop.

He told me the story when I had come back from a wearying bout looking for his Christmas gift. "Don't worry about getting me something special", he said as I sank into a chair clutching slips of paper with prices from antique shops. "Don't get an expensive gift either", he said with that apologetic grin that means a cliché is about to spring upon us. "It's the thought that counts."

It is the thought that counts and I wouldn't suggest for one moment that a gift only has a meaning to a woman if it has an appropriate ratio to the net worth of the gentleman purchasing it. But gifts from husbands or lovers have a special significance, one that is often misinterpreted. For a long time women have been saddled with the label of being mercenary about presents, and while that may be true of some, it isn't true of most of us. Insofar as we do make an assessment of the value of a gift, we do it more to confirm the wisdom of our choice of mate.

It is too ponderous to detail all the instincts in the female midbrain that influence us in choosing the man we love, but in this peculiar business of pair-bonding one of the powerful influences on a woman is the degree of protection he offers. This protection is linked to what we see as his "power".

Power, of course, varies from individual to individual, so for some of us a powerful man is one who can best fix fuses and for another it may be the chap who can speak three languages. Women still look for powerful men because part of our old atavistic instincts haven't yet caught up with modern times. We still feel a little vulnerable. We are the ones who give birth and we still sense perhaps that we need some protection as we lumber around trying to avoid miscarriages, exhaustion and morning sickness.

What does all this have to do with bracelets from "Graff"? Well, gifts are the proof to a woman that she is wanted and loved — and protected. The giving of them is in part a symbolic act that harks back to women's biological vulnerability. This may change with time, but the instinct remains strong. Potboiler writers understand it: in Jackie Collins' ghastly *Hollywood Wives* there is a telling moment when a woman shoplifts an expensive crocodile accessory in order to tell friends that "my husband bought it for me". It is her way of proving that she is still a valuable essence in his life.

Gifts don't have to be crocodile handbags of course. Anita Loos may have written that "diamonds are a girl's best friend" but so are rhinestones or paste or a comb for your hair if that is a couple's economic reality.

Putting aside the wretched excesses of the few truly mercenary women that have given the language such unpleasant terms as "meal ticket" and "gold-digger", gifts to a woman are a happy confirmation that her position is safe and her domestic front is secure.

May tomorrow bring you the gift of your dreams. Merry Chanukkah.

**Barbara Amiel**

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## Bubbly to the top

**The Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year Award is aimed at women in any field of business who embody the spirit of the late Madame Clicquot, a remarkable woman who developed the renowned champagne company on being widowed after just a few years of marriage. Past winners of the title include Pineapple's Debbie Moore and The Body Shop's Anita Roddick. Women of similar dynamism, flair, enterprize and business acumen are invited to apply (or may be nominated). You'll be asked to send full information, including any press cuttings, a CV and details of the company's financial performance. Write for a nomination form to Business Woman of the Year Award, Freepost, London E1 9BR.**

## Meal thyself

Menstrual problems, cystitis, thrush and benign breast disease are just a few of the woman's ills which have often been found to respond favourably to dietary changes. Drs Stephen Davies and Alan Stewart's new book, *Nutritional Medicine* (Pan £3.95), evaluates the roles of different foods in the warding off or control of these persistent conditions. Subtitled "A Drug-Free Guide to Better Family Health", it covers other problems from arthritis to allergies. Although not an alternative to your doctor (with whom the authors suggest you discuss any proposed changes in your diet) it could be worth a try.

## Dinner fret

**If tomorrow's turkey is a catastrophe and the pudding's like glue, enrolling at one of Leith's School of Food and Wine Saturday seminars might be in order. Designed for busy people (beginners and advanced students) who enjoy cooking, the idea is to enlighten cooks on professional working techniques, with demonstrations of dinner party menus. The price is £15 including, not suprisingly, lunch. The first of the monthly seminars is on January 24, and details are available from Sally Procter on 01-229 0177.**

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# Christmas: the meaning of the mystery

**by Dr Graham Leonard**
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*O wonder of wonders, which none can enfold:*
*The Ancient of Days is an hour or two old;*
*The Maker of all things is made of the earth,*
*Man is worshipped by Angels and God comes to birth:*
*The Word in the bliss of the Godhead remains,*
*Yet in flesh comes to suffer the keenest of pains:*
*He is that He was, and for ever shall be,*
*But becomes that He was not for you and for me.*

Countless words have been written about the meaning of Christmas, the central and most dramatic act in human history. Yet such is the glory and splendour of that Divine Act, such is its simplicity and profundity as to make adoration, love and joy seem the only fitting response, whether in the silence of thankful acceptance or in the sounds of feasting and celebration.

If words there must be, do not the simple lines of the carol express all we need to say? They effortlessly describe what took place in a way which compels us to recognize its extraordinary nature. Of that event St Thomas Aquinas wrote: "Of all the works of God, it most surpasses, our reason; for nothing more wonderful could be thought of than that Very God, the Son of God, should become man."

Surpasses our reason – does that mean that it must be to the artist, the musician, the sculptor to whom we turn so that the glory is expressed, and the meaning revealed?Yes indeed, but not only to them. Our response must be of mind, as well as of body and soul. Though this unique event surpasses our reason, it does not deny it and demands the disciplined application of our intellect. But we must not allow the exercise of our minds to remove the sense of wonder, awe and joy which must be our first response if we are to be grasped by the meaning of the mystery.

So when we reflect upon Nazareth and Bethlehem, we need the words of the Creeds in which such phrases as "Very God of Very God, begotten not made" and "... was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate" are set side by side when speaking of the same Person.

So profound is the mystery, stretching our vision and understanding, that we need the simplicity of the Gospel narrative and the directness of the Creeds to recall us to the surpassing glory of the Divine Humility.

Nazareth and Bethlehem – I mentioned both because to grasp the reality of the Incarnation we need to remember that it began not in Bethlehem, but in Nazareth where Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost. No new person was created at that moment, as happens in the course of normal human procreation. The Second Person of the Trinity, the Son, took unto Himself our human nature and a human body and was made man.

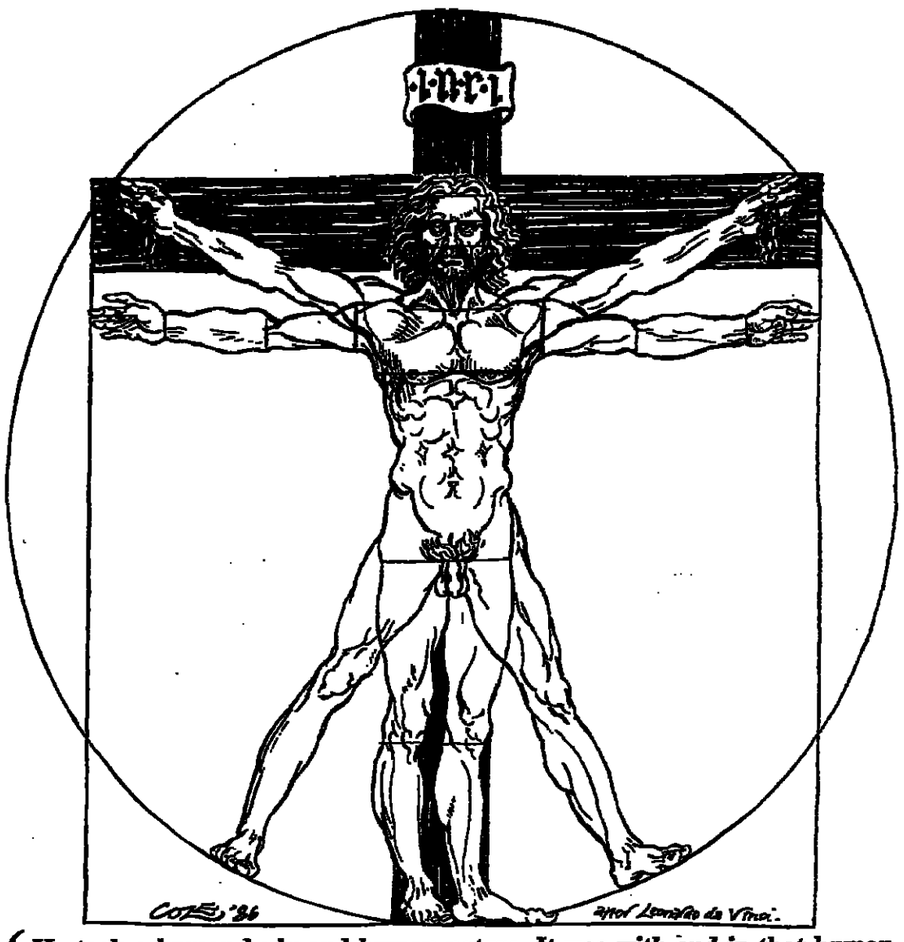
For nine months, Mary carried God incarnate within her until He was born in Bethlehem and dwelt among us. So the Council of Ephesus, to which the Church of England gives special authority, named Mary as Theotokos – Mother of God. Neglect her unique vocation and it is fatally easy, as history shows, to put her Son in her place. She was called to the highest vocation of any created being. He is God incarnate – the Uncreated made flesh. As the 15th-century hymn puts it:

*O Love, how deep, how broad, how high,*
*How passing thought and fantasy*
*That God, the Son of God, should take*
*Our mortal form for mortal's sake.*
*He sent no Angel to our race*
*Of higher or of lower place,*
*But wore the robe of human frame,*
*And he himself to this world came.*

It does indeed "pass thought" that the Eternal God, the Creator of the Universe, Ultimate Reality, should share our human life. But it also "passes fantasy" for He did so in history and men could say: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life – we proclaim to You."

What does this mean for us as we live on earth? The Incarnation was brought about, as the Athanasian Creed says, "not by the conversion of the Godhead into flesh" but "by the taking of manhood into God". The purpose of the Incarnation was nothing less than to enable men and women to share in the life of God Himself, now and in eternity.

"His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and true religion, enabling us to know the One who called us by his own splendour and might. Through this might and splendour he has given us his promises, great beyond all price, and through them you may ... come to share in the very being of God." (2 Peter 1, 2-4, *NEB*).




**He took a human body and human nature. It was with and in that human body and nature that He tasted poverty and death. It was with and in that human body and nature that He redeemed man and the created universe, and united man to Himself in a relationship which abides for ever.**

While having a profound effect for our lives while we are still on earth, the implications of the Incarnation are inexhaustible and eternal.

In the first place it is the Incarnation which enables us to know God in His might and splendour as Love. It may seem strange that I should regard this as the most important truth which the Incarnation reveals. But we live in a sentimental age. Love led Christ to the Cross, unlike the sentimentality of today which condones sin to avoid sacrifice. The Gospel is based on love, not on sentimentality.

In the Old Testament there is a tension between the moral demands of God and His tender and loving care for His people. In the Incarnation the two are reconciled as the true meaning of love is revealed. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory ... full of grace and truth." True love embodies both.

"Mercy and truth are met together", for it is God Himself in Christ who accepts the cost of living the truth, which He embodies, while loving us to the end. So we see sacrificial love which does not condone or compromise and through which man is reconciled to God.

In any broken relationship, it is the better of the two who are estranged who bears the greater cost. Because He is a more loving and holier person, the better one understands more truly the meaning and significance of the estrangement which has occurred and appreciates the cost of reconciliation.

God knows the ultimate significance of our sin, which alienates us from Him. In Christ He reconciles the word to Himself, bearing the cost of the sins of the whole world of which our sins are part. As the hymn says: "He sent no Angel to our race." He came Himself.

Had He not done so, what kind of God would we be called to love and worship? What respect can we have for someone who, unwilling himself to face the cost of reconciliation, sends another to pay the price so that he may be spared? If Christ were not God we could admire, reverence and love the man Jesus, though we could not give Him the unconditional adoration which is to be given to God alone. But we would have to love Him as the victim of an unyielding God who required that such a man should live and die.

Easter would no longer be the glorious demonstration of the victory of Love. It would be a demonstration by man that he could conquer in spite of the way in which God had made him.

As Christians, incorporated into Christ by our baptism and unbreakably joined to God by our union with Christ, His regenerative grace and power flow within us, so that we may share in the growth of the new creation. We live truly in Christ, in so far as the worship which He offers in His glorified humanity is offered in us, His prayers prayed through us, His love of the Father in the Spirit given through us.

But more, we live truly in Christ, in so far as His love for mankind is given in us, as we bring the whole of life, both in its glory or misery to God, while proclaiming the truth which is of God and His forgiving mercy. For our love is to take the form of the Divine Love which is revealed in the Incarnation.

We have, at one and the same time, to love our neighbours as they are and to bear the cost, in ourselves, of declaring the truth, avoiding a harsh moralizing on the one hand and an easy condonation on the other. We shall, of course, fail to love as we should and it is for this reason that we must live perpetually under the Divine Mercy, ever seeking the creative forgiveness of God so that His love may grow in us.

Living in Christ as co-workers with God – to use St Paul's bold phrase – sharing and expressing His love, our lives are given an eternal dimension. No mere earthly aim suffices for man to fulfil his nature, still less to fulfil the Divine Purpose of his Creator. The fellowship which we are given with God through the Incarnation here and now to be lived out in love, obedience and suffering is not to be limited to this world. It is to be fulfilled in the world to come "at the end of the age".

Time will be no more, for we shall be caught up into the eternal glory of God which is both perfect activity and perfect rest.

Until that day, every moment has an eternal dimension. Because in Palestine, the Ancient of Days was an hour or two old and time was taken into the Eternal, so by our union with Christ, God and Man, we can live both in time and in an eternal relationship with God. This and every moment is the point of intersection of the timeless with time.

As we come to Him, He meets us as we are. We can be reconciled to Him with our past and our expectations for the future, though the past can be exorcised and our expectations transformed.

For every Christian, the Eucharist should be the centre of celebration and the source of joy at Christmas. The Incarnation was a mighty act of the living God, who entered into a new relationship with the world He had created. He took a human body and human nature. It was with and in that human body and nature that He tasted poverty and death. It was with and in that human body and nature that He redeemed man and the created universe, and united man to Himself in a relationship which abides for ever.

So in anticipation on the night before He died, He took bread and said, "Take, eat" – that men and women throughout history might share in His humanity which was to be glorified through His death.

As we receive the Holy Communion of the Sacrament of His Body and His Blood, we can use the words of Adam in a wholly new sense. "The woman gave me and I did eat." Mary gave a body to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He took it through death and now gives it glorified back to us. The Sacramental Body of the Eucharist is the bond of union between the glorified Body of the Redeemer in the heavenly realm and that part of His Mystical Body which is here on earth.

In the Eucharist we have the foretaste of the final glorification of the created universe, including man, when by its complete incorporation into Christ, the promises of God will be fulfilled. Through it, we are enabled to share here and now in the coming of the Kingdom. Meanwhile –

*Name Him, brothers, name Him,*
*With love as strong as death,*
*But with awe and wonder*
*And with bated breath;*
*He is God the Saviour,*
*He is Christ the Lord.*
*Ever to be worshipped*
*Trusted, and adored.*

# The brothers of Niepokalanow

## Roger Boyes finds the computerized Franciscans cheerfully saving Polish bodies and souls

Warsaw

"And of course if the meal is no good –" The friar pauses, breathing quickly to indicate humorous improbability. "Then we change the words of the grace to say, Thank you, God, for that which we have received and please do not punish those who have prepared it." Franciscans have always enjoyed their food and no one in the Niepokalanow monastery, a sprawling Christian fortress in the middle of communist Poland, doubts that the brothers in the refectory kitchens will do a good job this Christmas Eve: a grand parade of carp and beetroot soup and dumplings.

Upstairs the brothers will work until noon in the computer composition room, preparing the next copy of *The Knights of the Immaculate Virgin*, a broadsheet with a print-run of 100,000. Outside, Brother Czeslaw Ocetek will make a final check of the shining red fire-engine that carries into action the only monastic fire service in Christendom. The cows will be milked, the beehives sheltered from the snow and the 215 monks and scores of seminary students will begin the crowded schedule of food, prayer and recital that leads to the midnight mass.

Niepokalanow monastery, say the monks, is the biggest single-order monastery in the world. Founded in 1927 by Father Maximilian Kolbe (who was canonized four years ago), it is an example of how Polish tradition, Catholic ritual and modern technology can be moulded into a model of Christian survival under atheistic rule. In many ways Niepokalanow embodies Pope John Paul's mission to communist countries: serving the community, evangelizing to the world and keeping the faith in an undiluted, disciplined way.

It is fitting then that a picture of the Pope, arms outstretched as though celebrating a victory, adorns the cab of the Niepokalanow fire-engine. More than 30 brothers are in the fire service, which goes into action almost 100 times a year, quenching fires, preventing flooding and rescuing farmers' children.

The monastery's task is clear enough: to save souls *and* bodies. The monks may look faintly comical with their helmets and habits, rosaries on one hip, hatchets on the other, but they represent an end to the monastic isolation that bred so much antagonism to the Roman Catholic church before the war. The brothers are not just putting out fires: they are strengthening the links between church and people.

Marxist writers make much of this antagonism. The sociologist Edward Ciupak, for example, argues that it is nonsense to identify Catholicism with Polishness; rather the church has exploited national feelings in order to defend certain social groups, such as the gentry. Before the war, the monks of Niepokalanow were accused of anti-semitism; now they are trying to put the lie to this, partly through community service.

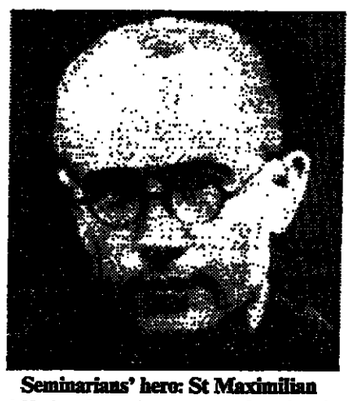
The state of course intrudes on this relationship. Each of the publications produced by the gleaming Niepokalanow printing plant has to be submitted to the censor. *Knight of the Immaculate Virgin*, which is distributed by the Franciscan network throughout the world, is frequently scarred with blanks. The blue pencil often censors references to Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity chaplain murdered by secret police officers, and even quotations from the Pope.

In the Soviet bloc, everything the church is allowed to do is regarded as a privilege, not a right. The privileges are withdrawn or extended according to political whim: one can hardly call it policy.

In 1949 the communist authorities confiscated the monastery's printing equipment. Two years later the school and its library were closed down; the books were carted off for distribution to state schools. By 1953 the authorities were determined to close down the whole monastery. They imposed heavy taxes on fruit-trees and on the fish in the monastery pond. The levy totalled four million zloties, a huge sum in those days, though now barely enough to buy a secondhand Mercedes on the black market.

Fortunately for the monks, Stalin died and with him the drive towards dissolution of religious orders. Even so, it was not until the Solidarity era that the monks received permission to start publishing again. The election of the Polish Pope in 1978, coupled with the rise of Solidarity in 1980 – which established clear connections between the Pope's social teachings and political change – strengthened the determination of Catholics under communism. With the Pope due to make a third pilgrimage to his homeland next June, the Polish church is keen to make another push for an act of parliament that would at least give it legal recognition.

At the moment the church can achieve much by exploiting the present goodwill of the Jaruzelski leadership. The building programme for the next five years envisages the construction of another 150 churches – in a country that already has over 14,000.



**Seminarians' hero: St Maximilian**

The church has more than 21,000 ordained priests and every year brings more. At Niepokalanow there are 116 seminary students, a gregarious bunch whose football teams are named after Liverpool, Bayern Munich and Roma, who are allowed to watch televison (coming soon, Jeffrey Archer's *Kane and Abel*), and who study Karl Marx as well as religious texts. Their heroes range from the Pope, Saint Maximilian (who gave up his life to save a fellow-inmate in Auschwitz) and Father Pipieluszko to the footballer Zbigniew Boniek.

This is the post-Solidarity generation, and their hero-worship does not as a rule include the leaders of the outlawed organization. But Solidarity has left its mark. These future priests know they can go into the world and make demands of the state. Simple compliance with the authorities, compromise at any cost, are not for them priestly values.

At Niepokalanow 10 would-be seminarians are rejected for every one chosen. The monastic day begins before dawn with an hour of prayer, then mass, followed by a full working day – in the printing shop, the market garden, the classroom – and more prayer.

Not communism but rather the modern world is the main threat to the monks. The gate to the monastery resembles a border crossing-point. A sign reads, No Women Beyond This Point. The fact is that the young priests of Poland face increasing pressures. Among Poland's overwhelmingly Catholic population, some must be termed bad Catholics: not in terms of observance but as measured by the large number of abortions and divorces and the flouting of doctrine.

Christmas, as the monks of Niepokalanow say, is a time for renewing faith and taking stock. Despite the loaded dinner tables, and the candles around the tree, it may not be an altogether comfortable occasion. The church has discovered the knack of survival under communism; now it must reach out for straying believers.

# The political battle for reform behind China's new unrest

The student demonstrations in cities as dispersed as Shanghai, Wuhan, Kunming and, yesterday for the first time, Peking have caught many observers by surprise. The size and nature of the rallies have provoked speculation about the stability of the Chinese political system and the prospects for the continuation of economic reform.

In fact, the disturbances were part of a peculiar reform process which, having been launched, has yet to focus on its ultimate objectives. In short, the disturbances were no more than an expression of the continuing conflict within the Chinese leadership over whether, and how, reform should procede.

In the eight years since eocnomic reform began, economic and political change has been significantly more radical than in eastern Europe, where reform has been attempted for three decades without any real success.

The contrast between China and eastern Europe is all the more striking in view of their respective economic expertise. Eastern Europe has a glut of sophisticated models of economic reform chasing very few leaderships willing or able to implement them. In China it is a case of a leadership impatient for reform but lacking the necessary blueprint.

The absence of a clear reform blueprint makes it dificult to contain the inevitable tensions and distortions that arise from partial reform. But it also offers some advantages. Opponents of reform are confronted with an invisible or mobile target which they find difficult to criticize. More importantly, the limits of reform cannot be defined *a priori*. If reform is to be effective, it must remain sufficiently flexible to adjust to unforeseen developments. It is precisely because reform in China has been an open-ended process that it is becoming increasingly radical.

The current student demonstrations can be seen as an outcome of this process. When reform first began in China in early 1979, the leadership was careful to isolate economic reform from the wider political issues. The leadership sought legitimacy for its actions by distinguishing changes in the system of economic management from that of ownership. Economic reform was officially said to involve only changes in the former, while the system of public ownership of the means of production remained inviolate.

Such a formulation runs counter to the logic of Marx. When the reforms were first introduced a leading Chinese economist, Dong Fureng, argued that they were logically inconsistent and unrealistic in practice. Dong insisted that economic reform would sooner or later have to entail changes in the system of ownership as well. Dong's view was strongly condemned by the authorities. An admission of the need for changes in ownership would also imply changes in the role of the party and state in economic activities.

Political reform of a sort, however, has consistently been a priority under the leadership of Deng Xiaoping. Until recently, the definition of political reform has been limited to administrative and organizational changes. But the separation of political and economic tasks has proved impossible, and was seriously undermining the objective of reform.

The enormous pressures that these conflicts put on officials were illustrated by the suicide two years ago of a provincial head of the People's Bank of China. Faced with the irreconcilable demands from Peking to curb credit on the one hand, and from the local party bosses for even more loans on the other, he took his life.

The indivisibility of economic and political reforms have also been highlighted by the performance of the Chinese economy in the past two years. The acceleration of economic reform in late 1984 has resulted in inflationary pressures, over-investment, industrial overheating, the largest foreign trade deficit and the biggest one-year decline in grain output since 1949.

The opponents of reform attribute these trends to too much reform, while its advocates insist that the reforms have not gone far enough. Over the past year government economists have been attempting to draft a blueprint of reform for discussion at the 13th party congress next October. Some of the new reforms under discussion, such as the creation of a nationwide capital market including a stock market, transforming state enterprises into joint-stock companies and the denationalization of loss-making enterprises, are proving to be highly contentious.

Moreover, they have cleaved the unanimity that once existed within the top leadership on the need for market-oriented reform.

The congress is also expected to decide on the post-Deng Xiaoping leadership, which will determine the nature and course of economic reform for the rest of the century. The jockeying for positions and policies has already begun. Radical reformers have initiated a wide-ranging debate on political reform.

The current student demonstrations calling for greater political freedom and democracy could not have occurred without some official sanction. Their purpose would be to serve notice to those opposed to reform that demand for further economic and political change among the masses is both widespread and urgent, and failure to accommodate these demands could be explosive.

Dangling the carrot of fundamental political reform is a high-risk strategy. It may well succeed in consolidating the position of reformers in the party, thereby paving the way for further reforms after the next congress. But it could also lead to a revolution of rising political expectations that the party could find it difficult to satisfy.

**Cyril Lin**
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***moreover* ... Miles Kington**

# Beware drunken camels

*A message from the Chief Constable of Bethlehem:*

Hello. As you know, this is the festive time of year when we all come back to our home towns to be numbered and taxed so that Caesar Augustus can work out his budget for the coming year, and we of the Bethlehem Police Force are glad to see you back again. This is a season of reunions, rejoicing, and exchanging of gifts among people who may not have seen each other for a year, and of course a certain amount of merry-making and roistering will be inevitable.

However, we must ask you at this time of the year to exercise restraint over your celebrations. Last year we were called to many late-night parties which had been allowed to get out of hand, and there were regrettably several serious accidents in the early hours. Nobody needs to be reminded, I trust, of the Great Mule Pile-Up on the Nazareth Road, or of the incident which led to one camel getting very drunk indeed and falling down the town well, which was out of action for two weeks.

To avoid a repetition of this or any other serious accident, we are taking a strict line this year and introducing a number of new penalties designed to cut down on drunken behaviour. Without going into too many details, let me just mention that the punishment for a first offence is summary execution. I hope this gives some idea of how seriously we are approaching the problem.

For many of you, the situation will not be made easier by the lack of accommodation. With so many temporary visitors to the town, available hotel space simply will not stretch, and we realize that more people than we would like will be forced to stay in unsuitable lodgings, perhaps even sharing accommodation with animals.

May I remind you that the bylaws and housing regulations apply as much to you as anyone, and that our inspectors will be round frequently to spot infringements and impose any on-the-spot fines they may consider necessary – and if young children are being kept in unsuitable conditions, they may have to be taken into care.

At this time of the year, when many strangers are in town, theft is naturally on the increase, and although we do as much as we can to combat it, we also depend on your help and common sense. Many of you last week helpfully reported the presence in our town of three Oriental vagabonds who were suffering from the hallucination that they were either following a star or searching for a baby. A search of their persons revealed the presence of vast quantities of gold, incense and myrrh, which is being held pending further inquiries.

A word to shepherds. Last year much unnecessary distress was caused by shepherds who came into town at the festive period to partake in the jollifications, and left their flocks behind to suffer, unattended, on the hillsides. The Samaritans do all they can to help suffering and offer assistance, but unfortunately we are a long way from Samaria, so I suggest that this year shepherds stay where they are or else.

While in no way wishing to diminish the enjoyment of this period, the Bethlehem Police recognize that trouble is most likely to start at places of public entertainment and refreshment, and we are therefore ordering the closing-down of all take-away locust and locust-'n'-honey stalls, fast-fig joints, lamburger restaurants, and any licensed premises. We would further like to suggest that you will enjoy this festive period even more if you all stay quietly in your homes and remain there until the holiday season is over.

Finally, as a purely precautionary measure, we wish to have details of the names of all first-born sons in the area. This involves no further action on your part pending more orders from Jerusalem.

Well, that's it. Mind how you go, don't drink, walk or ride, and for heaven's sake keep out of our way. Let us, please, have no further reports of sightings of a mysterious star over Bethlehem, as our force is too stretched at this time of year to investigate such wild rumours.

Otherwise, have a wonderful holiday and see you all again in the New Year. God Save Herod.

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# THE CHRISTMAS IMAGINATION

Some have suggested that the Star of Bethlehem was a supernova, some a conjunction of bright planets — and some, indeed, that those who pursue such theories are refusing to enter into the spirit of Christmas. As re-enacted in every infant school nativity play over the last few weeks, the birth of an Infant King was signalled to the Magi by the appearance of a star which eventually lead them to Bethlehem where they presented their symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This calls not for an astronomical hypothesis, but for an exercise of the imagination.

Despite the literalness of the image in Matthew's Gospel of a new star wandering purposefully across the heavens, the better explanation is surely that at least part of the wisdom of the Magi was astrological. How else could they have deduced something so specific from a single point of light?

According to a recent translation, what they said to Herod was: "We saw his star as it rose ..." This suggests a skill at divining meaning from heavenly patterns. It is likely that Jewish contemporaries, the sources of the Gospel narrative, knew little or nothing of astrology and could well have misunderstood the account given by the Magi of the mechanics of their quest.

This does not contradict the classical explanation that there was something unusual in the heavens, but it may well have been something not immediately obvious at a glance. It required imaginative interpretation.

The church has traditionally disliked the idea of astrology, a rival pagan system of knowledge. So it would not want to see it given credit in such auspicious circumstances. For apart from the shepherds, this oriental trio were the first strangers to know of the Birth of Christ, and are thus the archetypes of all who have since sought that knowledge. The idea that they were drawn to pay homage at the cribside by their obedience to the insights of a pagan superstition is one which offends the traditional principle of the exclusiveness of Christian truth.

But there were no tests of doctrine at the crib. Christmas is the most inclusive of festivals, and the Day is observed by countless millions who would balk at a dogma. There are, indeed, no bad reasons for observing Christmas, only varieties of good reason. Everyone may be his own Magi, following his own star.

The secret of the survival of Christmas is not its appeal to the intellect or even to the emotions — it is Easter which makes such appeals to the Christian — but its powerful and seductive effect on the imagination. It is a story, not a theory: one reacts to it as one reacts to art, not science. It is thus less susceptible to modern scientific scepticism than certain other religious observances.

Science, in any event, is a good deal less sure than it once was of the rebuke its exactly calculated systems seemed to deliver to the religious imagination. The twentieth century has seen a gradual retreat from the "imaginable" scientific world-view of Newtonian physics, and the mind is allowed to boggle at the effort of grasping what Relativity, Quantum Mechanics and the rest are trying to say. Though public perceptions of where science has got to are usually half a century out of date, post-Einstein rumours have spread almost everywhere — the rumour being, essentially, that the universe in both its totality and its detail is not reducible to a mental picture. No-one can imagine what an interstellar "black hole" looks like. It has no appearance. There is no longer such a conflict between the religious imagination and the scientific one.

It is an appeal, equally, to the moral imagination. Christmas has an "as if" quality: it is as if we were all kinder and better than we are. And with the excuse of Christmas, we may pretend what we dream: of an end of want; of universal generosity; of peace on earth. An annual transformation of the world into a better one, partly in imagination and partly even in reality, is not bad yearly therapy for a race weary with its own cruelty and indifference.

As Scrooge did not revert to type after tasting the pleasures of philanthropy, so, we all may hope, we will not do so either. And if the world does not seem to be improving itself very quickly as a result of this annual spiritual exercise in benevolence, it may be getting worse more slowly.

# TO MOSCOW, TO MOSCOW...

The return of Dr Andrei Sakharov to Moscow after seven years of exile in Gorky is the first really hopeful sign to have come from the Soviet Union for many years. Whether it proceeds from a belated recognition on the part of the leadership that Dr Sakharov's banishment was illegal in the first place, or from an awareness of the harm Dr Sakharov's continued persecution has inflicted on the reputation of the Soviet Union and so on its foreign policy, it constitutes a concession by the Kremlin.

Mr Gorbachov has shown the facility to place practical advantages above those of ideological purity before now. Until the release of Dr Sakharov, however, there was no indication that this flexibility would be extended to critics of the regime, especially critics as authoritative as Dr Sakharov who could not or would not emigrate. If Dr Sakharov's release is not a prelude to his emigration, however, it poses risks — both for the Kremlin and for himself.

The change of attitudes in the Kremlin over the past two years means that some of Dr Sakharov's views are no longer quite so iconoclastic or subversive as they were before. In the 1970s, the eminent physicist was concerned about the uses to which Soviet scientific research was being put. If — like the Americans — the Soviet Union is now proceeding in the direction of strategic defence, rather than offence, some of Dr Sakharov's objections may have been answered.

Further, if — as has been hinted — it becomes easier for those with close relatives abroad to travel, and easier for critics of the regime to make their views known without fear of prosecution, some of the requirements of the Helsinki agreement for which Dr Sakharov and others fought so selflessly will have been met. Moreoever, the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan — the issue on which Dr Sakharov publicly defied the Soviet leadership seven years ago — now appears to be almost as great a problem for the Gorbachov leadership as it was for Dr Sakharov seven years ago. Could it be that it will yet be resolved to his satisfaction?

All these matters are as yet uncertain. But it would not be altogether surprising if the authorities had calculated that Dr Sakharov will have less cause to speak out than he had in the latter years of Brezhnev.

It is not only the Soviet establishment, however, that will have expectations of Dr Sakharov. Through his work for human rights in the 1970s and as a figurehead in his exile, the nuclear scientist became the honorary patron of scores of Soviet dissidents. Today's younger, post-Helsinki dissidents and many Jewish refuseniks as well, look to Dr Sakharov for leadership and support in their conflict with the Soviet authorities. They will have been pleased — and the Soviet authorities correspondingly displeased — with his statement at the Moscow railway station, in which he called for "freedom for everyone" and described Afghanistan as "the most painful part of our foreign policy."

But many of them — religious fundamentalists, Orthodox Jews, and nationalists — embrace causes which cannot be possibly be accommodated within the Soviet regime. Others have become, through their suffering and their struggle with the authorities, more uncompromising than they were when Dr Sakharov started his work. They want no truck with the Communist Party authorities; they believe not a word they say. For these dissidents, little short of another revolution will do, and the sooner the better.

If Dr Sakharov returns to Moscow not only physically, but also intellectually, he will find the dissident movement greatly altered. While he may be able to resume his work and criticise from within the system, many of the new dissenters have rejected it entirely. Dr Sakharov will thus be confronted with a choice — a choice which could jeopardize his freedom on the one hand and his role as patron of the human rights movement on the other.

Andrei Sakharov has never disguised his views for the sake of conformity, nor has he pretended to be an easy man to deal with. In his first statement after receiving news of his imminent release, he said he intended to speak out as before. This will be both easier and more difficult in Mr Gorbachov's Russian than it was when he fell foul of the authorities a decade ago.

# FOURTH LEADER

Battered by turbulence, numbed by the cold, deafened by engine noise, their tempers stretched beyond endurance by fatigue, they finally reached home last night — hungry, dog-tired but triumphant. Mr and Mrs Smith had done their Christmas shopping.

"Oh" groaned Mrs Smith as she sank into a luke-warm bath (the boiler having given up for Advent), "What would I not give for a round-the-world cruise, with no kitchen to clean, or carpets to Hoover, meals to get ready or crockery to wash. Just a flight booked for two, far away from it all..."

Now there are those who might disagree with this. But it is at least arguable that the couple who have had the best idea this year are Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, who dropped out of society nine days ago, returning to find the turkey in the microwave and the festive spirit simmering.

Their Voyager aircraft, which has filled many an air-pocket on under-subscribed news pages this month, touched down in the Mojave Desert yesterday — to a hero's welcome and a message from the President. Their names are already being compared with those of Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart or, no doubt, with Amy Johnson, Alcock and Brown and the Wright Brothers.

This is all very well. But Messieurs and Mesdames Lindbergh. Earhart, Johnson, Bleriot and Wright did actually do something useful. As one flies to France or Washington, to Sydney or wherever, one can reflect (in between giving up The Times crossword and doing much the same with the in-flight movie) on those brave pioneers who did it without the benefit even of a drinks trolley.

Had they not tried out the alternative, we would still be taking the best part of a week to reach New York in the leisurely, not to say luxurious, ambience of the Mauretania or the QE2. Some might accordingly think it something of a pity that the frontiers of science were not left where they were. But some concessions must be made in the interests of an accelerated lifestyle, and British Airways, PanAm and the rest have done their best to make time travel fairly tolerable.

What Mr Rutan and Ms Yeager have proved, however, is that you can travel round the world in extreme discomfort on one tank of fuel. That is no doubt very interesting, but who in his right mind would want to do so when oil is so plentiful and cheap (at least it was when Voyager took off)? There are no doubt occasions (for instance, on finding oneself with a leaking engine halfway across the Atlantic) when memory of Voyager's trip would be a consoling one. But those occasions are few and tend to apply to jumbo jets, whose resemblance to Voyager is like that of an ocean liner to the late White Crusader.

The only explanation we can plausibly hazard is that they wanted to get away for Christmas. The shopping trips to Bloomingdale's and Macy's, the office parties, the hangovers, the crowded streets, the complete absence of taxis, the bills....Yes, it might be worth flying round the world to avoid all that.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Research effort imperilled

*From the Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute*

Sir, The cancellation of the Nimrod AEWS (airborne early warning system) highlights an alarming situation with regard to the funding and success of research and development in the UK. In contrast to civil R & D spending, which has diminished in recent years and will continue to decline to the end of the decade, according to the Government's own forecast *(Annual Review of Government Funded Research and Development)* the military share, already at 51 per cent (and greater than almost any other Western nation) is set to increase by up to 6 per cent in the next two years.

That a project such as Nimrod should fail to meet its technological goals after the injection of the order of £900million raises the serious question of the accountability and cost-effectiveness of much military development *vis-à-vis* the civil sector.

This embarrassing failure comes at a time when the research councils are unable to support many alpha-rated proposals and universities are being instructed to cut ever deeper into the research base of their departments of physical science and technology, already weakened from several years of under-funding.

It should not be forgotten that the universities are the traditional breeding ground of innovation and the focus for the training of new minds. Unless there is a re-ordering of the balance in spending between the accepted requirements of defence research and the necessary support of civil centres of R & D — the universities — Britain's future competitiveness in the prosecution of basic science as well as its commercial application will continue to be rapidly and effectively extinguished.

Yours sincerely,
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December 19.

## Sunday racing

*From the Chairman of the National Council on Gambling*

Sir, The evidence for the suggestion that Sunday racing without Sunday off-course betting (report, December 10) will lead to a significant increase in illegal betting is very flimsy.

The last Royal Commission on Gambling pointed out in 1978 that "the (racing) industry is today hopelessly addicted to subsidy". In spite of all the changes that have taken place since the royal commission reported, this is still the case.

The real link between Sunday racing and Sunday off-course betting is the horserace betting levy. This is the contribution that the punter is obliged to make to racing. Obviously, the intention behind Sunday off-course betting is to increase the amount of the levy. This can only be achieved if the total amount of money staked is increased.

It would be most undesirable if the financial viability of racing was improved at the cost of an increase in "compulsive" gambling.

Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN, Chairman,
The National Council on Gambling,
26 Bedford Square, WC1.

## Odds-on chance

*From Mr Andrew Rayner*

Sir, I recently encountered more serious taxi odds than apply to Mrs Welchman (December 17) merely getting the same cab to Putney twice in a week.

Though one seldom shares a taxi with a stranger, the other day two of us thought we had secured the same cab in Berkeley Square. It was rush hour and raining, we found we were both going west, so in we got.

"Where to?" said I. "South Kensington". "The address?" Onslow Gardens was the reply. "What number?" She told me.

It was my destination, too, though the other flat in the house.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW RAYNER,
8 Tite Street, SW3.

## Fortune's favours

*From the Reverend P. W. Leitch*

Sir, It is gratifying to find *Fortune* magazine thinking so highly of ministers in the Church. The mailing shot I received tells me they have searched "only our prime lists" and found my name among the Chairmen, V.P.s, investors and business executives.

They offer me their Most Valuable Package, comprising their Executive Organiser, Investor's Guide and up to 60 per cent off the subscription price. I will also acquire knowlege about what's happening in my industry, new sales techniques and management practices that get results.

It must be Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LEITCH
(Assistant Curate, Newsome and Armitage Bridge),
6 Berry View, Newsome,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

The antepenultimate paragraph in yesterday's third leading article should have read:
Mr John Major, the junior Minister at the DHSS, has cited figures to suggest that the six per cent by which benefits have outstripped prices since 1979 accounts for the entire increase in the number of people with incomes below supplementary benefit levels and for half the increase in those at or below supplementary benefit levels since then.

## Evil — and problem of judging it

*From Mr Norman Gunton*

Sir, It is unfortunate that the prestige of Oxford University and Balliol College is attached to Wilfred Beckerman's article in your centre page of December 17, "The problem of judging evil".

He says that our freedom to choose between good and evil is an illusion; that "it is not your fault that you are a monster"; that the suffering in this world is the product of our genetic and environmental characteristics, for neither of which are we morally responsible; that we are robots. He advances no evidence, but says "we know" that acts we abhor are the result of "specific abnormality in [people's] chromosomes".

This is not just nonsense — it is evil. He had a choice and has written it large to condone, as personal destiny, self-indulgence and the pursuit of evil. Belief in his words would end personal effort to distinguish between good and evil, effort to build the habit of choosing good and effort to contribute, by good example, to the environmental influences on human behaviour.

We do have choice and this includes legal recognition of diminished responsibility. We can improve. We can repent. We can forgive. We can repair. We can teach. Moral disabilities, like physical disabilities, respond best to good example and sensitive encouragement to personal effort.

It is very important that the young and those of us who err receive simple, clear messages of self-responsibility and hope and for Mr Beckerman's excuses to be rejected as evil counsel.

Yours faithfully,
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Twickenham, Middlesex.
December 18.

*From the Reverend Canon I.G.D. Dunlop*

Sir, Mr Beckerman declares unequivocally that man is "a form of infinitely variable robot," his actions totally determined by his genes and his environment; that freedom of the will is an "illusion" and the passing of moral judgements therefore an "absurdity".

He then proceeds to blunder straight into the well known trap which awaits all determinists — he goes on to pass moral judgement on those who are stupid or ignorant enough to pass moral judgements and implies that the world would be a better place if they would only desist.

But, by his own admission, he can only be saying what he says because he is programmed to say it (and not because it is "true" — if that word has any meaning). He appears not to be so programmed as to be capable of understanding that those who differ from him are merely programmed to do so.

I am so programmed as to wonder how he is programmed to answer me.

I am programmed to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
IAN DUNLOP,
24 The Close,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
December 17.

*From Mr Noël Oswald*

Sir, Many arrows could perhaps be shot at Mr Beckerman's article, but I will here content myself with one or two.

How does he explain the fact that, so strongly and so consistently, human beings *feel* responsible for their actions (if they do not, are they not called "psychopaths"?), and that they *want* to be more than robots?

How is it that the same person can behave so differently on separate occasions in situations so similar as to be virtually indistinguishable? And if what Mr Beckerman says is true, what does it matter if murderers *do* destroy the rest of us?

Of course, for the Christian, it is enough that the Bible, as the authoritative revelation of God, while not claiming that heredity and environment are irrelevant, declares that human beings *are* responsible for their deeds.

Yours sincerely,
NOËL OSWALD,
2 Church End,
Panfield, Braintree, Essex.

*From Dr Geoffrey Soden*

Sir, Mr Beckerman and St Augustine would seem to agree: "hate the sin, but love the sinner". But they reach the same destination by very different roads.

St Augustine knew nothing of genes and ignored environment; he would never have admitted that people are not responsible for their own acts and do not have the power to choose (however limited).

Mr Beckerman's doctrine is a direct invitation to commit the "sins that one's inclined to by damning those one has no mind to".

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
GEOFFREY SODEN,
Buck Brigg,
Hanworth,
Norwich, Norfolk.
December 18.

## Hospitals in need

*From Dr F. J. C. Millard and Dr R. E. Millard*

Sir, We would like to draw your attention to the plight of the rural hospitals in South Africa, caused by the policy of withdrawal and ostracism towards that country.

The majority of these hospitals were founded by missionaries and serve remote and poor communities. South Africa has never produced enough doctors, black or white, to staff these hospitals and they have depended on a long tradition of expatriate doctors, mostly from this country and also from western Europe and the United States.

One such hospital is the Jane Furse Memorial Hospital in Sekhukhuniland, now part of the homeland of Lebowa. The hospital was founded in 1921 by Michael Furse, Bishop of Pretoria and subsequently Bishop of St Albans, and is known locally as Thaba ea Thuso, or Hill of Help.

This year no suitable doctors have applied to work at Jane Furse and this month the last three British doctors will be returning home, leaving one elderly African doctor to care for 400 patients.

It is said that the collapse of such institutions will hasten political change. This seems likely. What is certain is that more children will die of gastroenteritis and measles, more women will die in obstructed labour, typhoid and tuberculosis will not be treated, and more old people will remain blind because there is no one to remove their cataracts.

There will be less help from the Hill this Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
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4 Vineyard Hill Road, SW19.

## Keeping treasures

*From Lord Perth*

Sir, Sir Arthur Drew (December 18) advocates more money for the National Heritage Memorial Fund to enable it to save for this country such treasures as the Middleham pendant.

Should we not also go further back and examine the workings of treasure trove? I understand that on the unearthing of the Middleham pendant there was an enquiry and it was decided that treasure trove rules did not in this case apply. A review of these ancient rules seems called for to ensure that such findings are in fact covered by treasure trove rules.

At the same time the rights of the operators of metal detectors should equally be reviewed to include such questions as the interests of archaeology.

Yours truly,
PERTH,
House of Lords.
December 18.

## Claybury plan

*From the Chairman of the Waltham Forest Health Authority*

Sir, Mr John Burrell's ideas for turning Claybury Hospital into a hilltop town (Spectrum, December 16) are imaginative and interesting. However, there is a danger that the scheme will perpetuate the model of institutionalised care which we are at last beginning to break down.

John Burrell's ideas represent a very different philosophy: the essence of our plans for enabling mentally ill people to return to the community is that they will live nearer to relatives and friends.

The presence of 300 places, with secluded "airing courts", for long-stay patients in a hilltop town is likely to rekindle old — out of sight out of mind — attitudes among the patients' friends and relatives.

Waltham Forest Health Authority intends to house people with a chronic mental illness in smaller, purpose-built or adapted houses near their home area. The transfer of patients to the community will be handled carefully and sensitively. No one will move until the right kind of accommodation is ready.

As for the future of the Claybury Hospital site itself, my health authority and the North East Thames Regional Health Authority will ensure that the proceeds from the sale of the land and buildings bring very clear and tangible benefits to the National Health Service and its users.

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## Images of Brent

*From the Reverend John Root*

Sir, I have been an Anglican clergyman in Brent for 12 of the past 18 years and find that descriptions of the borough in *The Times* and other newspapers are becoming increasingly unrecognisable.

Both the inhabitants of Brent and the readers of *The Times* deserve something better than the unquestioning repetition of ex-Councillor Lacey's tendentious views (Spectrum, December 15). *Did it really need the 1981 census* to tell Ken Livingstone that a lot of Irish people lived in Kilburn? On what grounds is ex-Councillor Ambrosine Neill the "genuine voice of the Afro-Caribbean people"? Where and when did "our churches" tell West Indians to find iron huts in which to start their own churches?

Amidst Brent's present travails it is worth remembering that during the 1981 riots *The Times* listed Brent as an area ripe for violence — presumably because of the statistics that it has a considerably higher proportion of people from ethnic minorities than any other local authority in the country. There were no riots here then, nor have there been at any other time. Surely Brent's record of reasonably harmonious community relations deserves respect rather than scorn.

That record may not survive the folly of the present council, but nor will it be helped by ill-informed derision from without.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ROOT.
St James's Vicarage,
34 Stanley Avenue,
Alperton, Middlesex.
December 15.

## Nature's bounty

*From Mrs R. A. Raby*

Sir, Yesterday afternoon I spotted a good-sized mushroom growing under a plane tree beside the pavement outside Holland Park Station. I picked it and ate it for my supper.

Surely the location and time of year for this find can only merit a letter to *The Times*?

Yours faithfully,
ANN RABY,
3 Holland Park Mews, W11.
December 11.

## ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 24 1791

*The following account of a meeting in early spring suggests that the unknown author took a long time to write or the Editor a long time to print it. But it has a warmth appropriate to Christmas Eve*

### [THE NOSEGAY]

It was in the month of April, when, as I was walking one morning along St. James's-street, I was addressed by a young woman, who in a gentle and persuasive tone of voice, entreated me to buy a nosegay of her; and, as she framed her petition, she opened a small band-box, which she carried under her arm, and discovered half-a-dozen bouquets, composed of flowers which were not yet in season. Though she was very pretty, and I was going to pay a visit to Lady B— I had resolved to purchase one before I had considered the beauty of the girl, or recollected that the vernal offspring would make my visit to Lady B— more gracious. . . .

. . . I do declare, in the awful name of truth, that I have seldom experienced an higher degree of satisfaction than when I put two half-crowns into the damsel's hand, and received, with the nosegay, a curtsey and a look of acknowledgement which were worth more than I could bestow upon her. . .

Having received the flowers, and purchased a sheet of writing paper to prevent their freshness from being affected by the warmth of my hand, I proceeded on my way in perfect good humour with myself, and of course with all the world; when, as I was crossing a small Court, I was almost stunned with the vociferous exclamation of a man, who with a loudness that quite pierced my ears, was crying his rabbits, some of which he had hanging upon each end of a pole that balanced on his shoulder. The singular cry of the man drew my attention, and I immediately observed, that my nosegay had attracted his. As I drew nearer to him his eyes seemed to rivet themselves to the flowers, and when I raised them to my head to enjoy their fragrance, he raised his eyes also. When I had passed him, I could not refrain from looking back to see whether this extraordinary attention was continued, when I observed that he was following me.

I therefore stood still, and as he approached me, he cried out, may God in Heaven bless you, and never wound your heart with the sorrows that afflict mine. I perceive honest friend, said I, that the benevolence of thy wish arises from a deep sense of thy own misery; what may it be? Alas, Sir, answered he, those flowers. I believe, would restore my Jenny to life, she has talked of nothing but roses all this morning, and I think the smell of them might do her good. Do, Sir! for the sake of Heaven give them to me! who knows but they may revive her; if not, I will strew them over her grave. I instantly put the nosegay into his hand, he thanked me with a tear, and hastened towards the street. I pursued his steps, not knowing whither I went — after some time he entered an house, and when he had given his rabbits to a girl of about 14 years of age who sat weeping at the bottom of the stairs, I followed him into a small room, where a woman lay, in a bed without curtains, and, to all appearance, entirely senseless. An old nurse sat by the bed side, and was flapping the flies from off the sick persons face with a feather. As the poor man entered the room, I have flowers for thee, my Jenny, said he; thou did'st call for roses this morning, and heaven has sent thee some to comfort and refresh thee. He then kneeled down by the bed, — held the flowers to her nose, — put them into her hand, and then laid them upon her bosom, and after fetching a deep sigh, he kissed her. Dear heart, said the nurse, she did indeed rave this morning, and talk of flowers and roses, but the poor soul will never speak again, the hand of death is upon her. . .

. . . I therefore left the melancholy scene, and had traversed many streets before I awoke from the deep impressions which it made upon my spirits. I then tried to measure back my way, but it was a vain attempt. On the next day I returned with a friend, but notwithstanding all our industry, we could not discover this poor fellow's habitation. I then employed a person to watch in the Court where I first saw him for a whole week together; but this endeavour was also fruitless, and I cannot drive from me the melancholy apprehension, that when he had lost his Jenny, he had lost his senses or is since dead.

### *DIED*

On the 5th inst. at Vienna, Wolfgang Mozart, the celebrated German *[sic]* composer.

On Monday last, at Birmingham, in consequence of the wound he received some time since from a pistol discharged by the pretended Duke of Ormond, Mr. Wallis, jun. (all of his front teeth had been driven into the back part of his neck, most of which were extracted, but a mortification took place, and terminated his existence . . .

# COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
December 23: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady-in- Waiting to the Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 23: Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra celebrate their birthdays on Christmas day.

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The Hon Mrs Richard Bethell gave birth to a son on December 21.

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A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Norman Laurence Franklin will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Tuesday, January 27, 1987, at noon. For further information contact The Institution of Chemical Engineers, (0788) 78214.

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Sir Dallas and Lady Bernard wish all their friends a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. They will not be sending cards this year as they are moving from 7 Cresswell Gardens, SW5, to 8 Eaton Place, SW1.

## Birthdays

**TODAY:** Sir Denis Allen, 76; Mr Noel Carrington, 96; Mr Colin Cowdrey, 54; Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, 80; Sir Gerald Elliot, 63; Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, MP, 53; Mr E. Fernyhough, 78; Sir Stafford Foster-Sutton, QC, 88; Dame Joan Kelleher, 71; Sir Noel Moynihan, 70; Miss Thea Porter, 59; Mr J. D. Taylor, MP, 49; Viscount Thurso, 64; Mr Philip Ziegler, 57.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Lord Annan, 70; Baroness Berners, 85; Miss S. J. Browne, 62; Mr Andrew Cruickshank, 79; Mr Kenny Everett, 42; Lord Grade, 80; Sir Peter Matthews, 69; Mr Ismail Merchant, 50; Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe, 75; Professor Noel Odell, 96; Sir Geoffrey Organe, 78; Mr Nigel Starmer-Smith, 42.

**BOXING DAY:** Mr Patric Dickinson, 72; Mr Alastair Dunnett, 78; Baroness Faithfull, 76; Miss Irene Handl, 84; Sir Christopher Hewetson, 57; Professor Thea King, 61; Miss Jane Lapotaire, 42; Mr T. K. Lyle, 83; Mr Denis Quilley, 59; Sir Mark Tennant, 75.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.F. Sykes and Miss L.J. Stephenson**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Sir Richard Sykes and Lady Sykes, of Wilsford-cum-Lake, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Laura, younger daughter of Sir John and the Hon Lady Stephenson, of Doneraile Street, London.

**Mr M.A. Addicott and Miss M.E. Edge**
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Addicott, of Highcliffe, Dorset, and Marian, second daughter of the late Mr Tony Edge and of Mrs Maeve Edge, of Ashtead, Surrey.

**Mr S.P. Arnstein and Miss A. Burton**
The engagement is announced between Sven, son of Mr L. Arnstein, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs E. A. Arnstein, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Burton, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

**Mr I.W. Baharie and Dr C. Beatty**
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr Walter Baharie, OBE, and Mrs Baharie, and Cynthia, only daughter of Dr and Mrs David Beatty.

**Mr G.J. Barnier and Miss C.A. Cole**
The engagement ia announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Barnier, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, and Carole, only daughter of Mrs B. Cole and the late Mr S. F. Cole, of Wimbledon, London.

**Mr C.R. Botsford and Miss C.M.J. Green**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of the late Mr R. C. Botsford and of Mrs J. Botsford, of Islington, London, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Green, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

**Mr D.L.N. Cardy and Miss S.M. Evans**
The engagement is announced between Don, only son of Flight-Lieutenant and Mrs D. K. J. Cardy, of Cambridge, and Sue, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Evans, of Glyn Garth, Isle of Anglesey.

**Mr J. Chenery and Miss C.A. Smith**
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Chenery, of Chelsfield, Kent, and Carolyn Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Smith, of Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.

**Mr S.E.T. Cockshutt and Miss J.L. Holden**
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the late Mr D. J. B. Cockshutt and Mrs W. E. K. Cockshutt, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. E. Holden, of Whetstone, North London.

**Mr R.M. Crawford and Miss J. Read**
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Crawford, of Alwoodley, Leeds, and Janine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Read, of Carlton, Nottingham.

**Mr J.H. Dickson and Miss A.S. Hettiaratchy**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John P. Dickson, of Neatham, Sleeper's Hill, Winchester, and Ashanti, elder daughter of Dr and Dr Mrs Sidney W. Hettiaratchy, of Robin's Hill, Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester.

**Mr C.H. Dobree and Miss L.A. Stirling**
The engagement is announced between Charles Hatherley, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Dobree, of Regents Park, London, and Lesley Anne, eldest daughter of the late J. D. Stirling and of Mrs R. Stirling, of Clopton, Suffolk.

**Mr J.M. Ferguson and Dr V.M.G. Ambrose**
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. S. Ferguson, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Veronica, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs G. C. Ambrose, of Woking, Surrey.

**Mr C.J. Glen and Miss C.S.A. Bruce**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Glen, of Worcester, and Christine, daughter of the late Mr J. McN. Bruce and Mrs M. Bruce, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

**Mr K.J. Harriss and Miss D-A. Turner**
The engagement is announced between Keith, youngest son of the late Mr C. J. Harriss and Mrs E. Harriss, of Harlow, Essex, and Delyth-Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. F. Turner, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

**Mr P. Haydn Slater and Miss S.H. Mason**
The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Haydn Slater, of Sydney, Australia, and Sarah Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Mason, of Manor House, Lenchwick, Worcestershire.

**Mr A.J. Holroyd and Miss I. Cummins**
The engagement is announced between Alan, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Holroyd, and Isabelle, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Cummins, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

**Mr R.A. Hunter and Miss J.C. Stern**
The engagement is announced between Ross, son of Mr J.A. Hunter and Mrs A.G. Hunter, of Maldon, Essex, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Stern, of Hampstead.

**Mr B. Hutton and Miss P.N. Sivewright**
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs Willliam Hutton, Lansdowne Park, Scorrier, Cornwall, and Pammy, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Charles Sivewright, Talland House, South Cerney, Cirencester.

**Mr J.D. McCafferty and Miss R. Purswani**
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Dr and Mrs J.D. McCafferty, of Islington, London, and Radha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Purswani, of Norbury, London.

**Mr T.J. McKenna and Miss C.B. Petersen**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Robert and Noreen McKenna, of Chantilly, Virginia, United States, and Christine, daughter of Erik and Lisbeth B. Petersen, of Salisbury.

**Mr C.M. Milan and Miss J.L. Machell**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Milan, of Limpsfield Chart, and Jane Liza, only daughter of Mr Godfrey Machell and Mrs Patricia Machell, of Wallington, Surrey.

**Mr J.S. Miller and Miss C.J. Paull**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Reginald Miller, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Paull, of Wembury, near Plymouth.

**Mr D. Palmer and Miss T. Parkin**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs J. Palmer, Bolsover, Chesterfield, and Theresa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. P. Parkin, of Norwood, Sheffield.

**Mr R.B. Pinsker and Miss F. Sheil**
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. J. G. Pinsker, of Bedford, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Sheil, of Killiney, Co Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

**Mr P. Rogers-Coltman and Miss F.H. Thompson**
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Rogers-Coltman, of The Home, Bishops-Castle, Shropshire, and Fiona, elder daughter of the late Mr Peter Thompson and Mrs Peter Thompson, of Astley Farm, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

**Mr M.P. St Aubyn and Miss A.E. Lumley**
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Geoffrey St Aubyn, and nephew of Major and Mrs Thomas St Aubyn, of Dairy House, Ashford Hill, Newbury, and Astrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lumley, of Roundwood, Windlesham, Surrey.

**Mr J. St Johnston and Miss E.D.M. Lyon**
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Kerry St Johnston, of The Downs Barn, Frampton Mansell, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Judy St Johnston, of 46 Markham Street, Chelsea, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lyon, of Collierswood Farm, Ardleigh, Essex.

**Mr R. Skeels and Miss M. Goding**
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Skeels, of London, SW9, and Maureen, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. C. Goding, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

**Mr G.T.M. Steer and Miss A. Russell**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of the late Mr George Steer and of Mrs Steer, of Fulham, SW6, and Andrea, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Russell, of Barbican, EC2.

**Mr C.E. Toomey, RM, and Miss S. Joynson**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Toomey, of Spaxton, Somerset, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert B. Joynson, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

**Mr R.N. Watts and Miss S.J. Madden**
The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Watts, and Shelagh, second daughter of Dr and Mrs T. B. Madden, both of Oswestry, Shropshire.

**Mr R.J. Westley and Miss J.S. Guest**
The engagement is announced between Richard Westley, Royal Welch Fusiliers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Westley, of Oman and Worcestershire, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. B. Guest, of Stourbridge, West Midlands.

## Marriage

**Mr J.M. Barran and Miss D. de Bosdari**
The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 12, in London, between Mr Julian Barran, second son of Sir David and Lady Barran, and Miss Diana de Bosdari, daughter of Mrs Cosmo de Bosdari and the late Mr Cosmo de Bosdari.

# OBITUARY

## SIR GILBERT LAITHWAITE

### Veteran public servant and link with the British Raj

Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, GCMG, KCB, KCIE, CSI, who in the course of a distinguished official career served as private secretary to the Viceroy of India, Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, UK High Commissioner in Pakistan, and Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, died on December 21. He was 92.

John Gilbert Laithwaite was born on July 5, 1894, into a Lancastrian Roman Catholic family. He was educated at Clongowes and at Trinity College, Oxford, of which he was a scholar, and later an honorary fellow.

In the First World War he joined the 10th Lancashire Fusiliers, served on the Western Front and was wounded.

After a short time on special duty at the War Office, he joined its permanent establishment, becoming private secretary to the Permanent Under-Secretary of State in 1922. He was then seconded to the India Office to accompany Lord Winterton, junior minister in the department, on a brief tour of India.

In the autumn of 1923 he was made assistant private secretary to Lord Peel, who had succeeded Edwin Montagu at the India Office. After further service there he was personally attached to the Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, at the second Indian Round Table Conference in London in 1931.

Two important secretaryships followed, that of the Franchise Committee under R. A. Butler, which toured the sub-continent in 1932, and of the Indian Delimitation Committee in the latter half of 1935.

When Lord Linlithgow went to New Delhi as Viceroy in 1936, he chose Laithwaite to be his principal private secretary. Those were days of growing political tension in the country, following the passage of the India Act of 1935, and with provincial autonomy in 1937 imminent.

The strains and stresses were much increased by the approach of war. The Viceroy had in his private secretary a worker as hard and steadfast as himself, and it was greatly to Linlithgow's credit, which Laithwaite deserves to share, that India's vital role as a supply centre for the war effort, as well as a source of military manpower, was quickly and efficiently organized and maintained.

Laithwaite identified himself wholly with the work and policies of his master. Indeed, there were some in the Government of India who resented what they regarded as his "monopoly" of the Viceroy, which was, rather, a protective service to the heavily burdened Linlithgow, whereby he was relieved of much detailed paperwork and interviews. But even Laithwaite's strongest critics on that score acknowledged his great ability, his fairness and his grasp of problems.

Returning with Linlithgow in 1943, he resumed work at the India Office as acting assistant permanent under-secretary, until appointed under-secretary to the War Cabinet, and secretary to the Commonwealth ministerial meeting in London, in 1945.

Then, as deputy under-secretary for Burma (1945-47) he paid two visits to Rangoon and had a formative share in the negotiations leading to Burmese independence at the beginning of 1948.

He next became deputy under-secretary of the Commonwealth Relations Office, and was one of the official secretaries of the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London in 1948.

In the following year he was chosen to succeed Lord Rugby as UK representative in Ireland - ambassador from 1950. A friendly manner and a sense of humour, together with his staunch Roman Catholic faith, made him very much at home in Dublin society, and he was given an honorary doctorate by Dublin University.

In the spring of 1951 he was sent as High Commissioner to Pakistan, where he was already on terms of friendship with members of the government, officials and other leaders.

Although the first surge of intense bitterness between India and Pakistan had now spent itself, the two outstanding grounds of their dissension, the future of Kashmir and the distribution of the canal waters of the Punjab, were still unsettled. Laithwaite faithfully promoted the British policy of friendship with both countries and supported the efforts of the United Nations to reconcile them.

In the summer of 1954 he became Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Commonwealth Relations Office. In the months before he took charge he visited Australia and New Zealand to enlarge his personal knowledge of the non-Asian Commonwealth.

The responsibilities of the CRO, whose official head he remained until 1959, had considerably increased since he was deputy under-secretary, and there was the certain prospect that they would increase still further as more British dependencies advanced to self-government. But he was never afraid of work.

It was not surprising that a man of such talent and experience should have been drawn, after his official retirement at the age of 65, into business and fresh forms of public service. He was a director of Inchcapes' from 1960 to 1969 (deputy chairman 1960 to 1964), and was also a director of insurance companies.

For some years he was chairman of the UK Committee of the Federation of Commonealth Chambers of Commerce.

He became a trustee of the Hakluyt Society in 1958; a governor of Queen Mary College in 1959 and its president from 1964 to 1969; chairman of council of the Royal Central Asia Society from 1966 to 1969, and thereafter its vice-president; president of the Royal Geographical Society from 1966 to 1969, and from 1969 a vice-president: Master of the Tallowchandlers' Company from 1972 to 1973; and a member of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries from 1959 to 1972. This was an appointment which reflected his love of fine artefacts. During his time in India and Pakistan, he had been a discriminating collector of carpets and rugs.

He wrote a record of his own Lancashire family, *The Laithwaites* (1941, revised edition 1961) and *Memories of an Infantry Officer* (1971).

Laithwaite was as precise in manner as in administration. His somewhat dictatorial style masked an engaging and sympathetic personality, which made him many admiring friends.

He was unmarried.

## CARDINAL AVELAR BRANDÃO VILELA

Cardinal Avelar Brandão Vilela, the Roman Catholic Primate of Brazil, died on December 19 at the age of 74.

He was born on June 13, 1912, in Viçosa in North-east Brazil. After a seminary education he was ordained priest in 1935, subsequently becoming professor and spiritual director of the diocesan seminary at Aracaju.

In 1946 he was consecrated Bishop of Petrolina, where he introduced pioneer agrarian reforms which led to better conditions for the farmers of diocesan-held land, as well as better output.

In 1965 he was made Archbishop of Teresina, a diocese which, too, felt the benefit of his pioneering spirit. Besides agrarian reform he set up twenty social centres, where people could meet for instruction and discussion. He also established one of the early church radio stations in Brazil.

In 1971 Vilela became Archbishop of São Salvador da Bahia, which, as Brazil's oldest diocese, made him the country's Primate. He was made a cardinal in 1973.

From 1967 to 1972 he was president of Celam, the council for Latin American bishops, and the conciliatory skill which was to make him such a powerful influence behind the scenes in the affairs of the church was much in play at the Medellin (Colombia) conference of 1968, which Pope Paul VI attended.

Both there and at the 1979 Puebla (Mexico) conference his moderation was an important factor in making sure that the liberation theology of the South American church was made palatable to a European clergy, prone to be nervous about its radical social content.

His influence was also considerable in the case of Father Leonardo Boff, Brazil's leading liberation theologian, whose radical social activism earned him a rebuke from the Vatican, on the suspicion that he was a Marxist.

When Boff was summoned to Rome, in 1984, to face the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith's inquisitors, it was Vilela, through his widely publicized view that Boff's theology contained no vestige of Marxism, who helped to lower the temperature. And his calmly expressed conviction that it would eventually be accepted turned out to be right when, earlier this year, the Vatican lifted the ban of silence it had imposed on Boff.

Vilela's strength lay in an afactional nature which enabled him to talk to extremists on both wings of the church. Devoted to ameliorating the plight of the oppressed, he nevertheless eschewed violently radical courses. He believed in renewing the structures of the church, rather than in tearing them down.

## PROFESSOR GEORGE TREASE

Professor George Trease, Professor of Pharmacognosy at Nottingham University from 1957 to 1967, died on December 18, at the age of 84. He was head of the pharmacy department from 1944.

George Edward Trease was born on July 8, 1902, and educated at Nottingham High School and the London College of Pharmacy. His specialist study was pharmacognosy, a discipline devoted to the study of those plant materials used in medical practice, and he was made lecturer in the subject at University College, Nottingham, in 1926.

During the early part of the war he was seconded to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. In 1945 he became reader in pharmacognosy at Nottingham.

His early publications include a collaborative work with J. E. Driver, *The Chemistry of Crude Drugs*. In 1934 the first edition of his *Textbook of Pharmocognosy* appeared. This work eventually achieved worldwide recognition in pharmaceutical education.

Subsequent editions of it illustrate the development of the use of plant drugs in medicines from an almost unscientific art to the application of sophisticated knowledge concerning plants' constituents.

In 1964 he published *Pharmacy in History*.

His past students will remember him as approachable, kindly and courteous. He was a quintessential scholar. After retirement to Devon he pursued his interest in pharmaceutical and local history.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and two daughters.

## MR MAURICE HANDFORD

*Sir Thomas Armstrong writes:*

Maurice Handford (Obituary December 18) was struck down by illness just as he was reaching his full maturity. Older people will remember him as a great horn-player in the Hallé Orchestra under Barbirolli, who urged him to seek a career as a conductor and gave him ungrudging support when he did.

It was from Barbirolli that Handford learnt a wide repertory and the techniques of rehearsal and concert-conducting: much of "glorious John's" own style and method survived in his pupil, and I can testify that Barbirolli regarded Handford as his natural successor.

Handford's experience after about 1965 became comprehensive and international, and it is to be regretted that he never assumed control of one of the great national orchestras with which he was often associated as a guest conductor.

If he had had good health for another five years this might have been remedied. But too often it was a case of "is not this the carpenter's son?" and some foreigner was preferred for no good reason. Long after his fine performances are forgotten his influence will survive because of his work with the students in the Royal Academy of Music's First Orchestra, which he brought to a high level of excellence.

He carried on this work until the last days of his life in a defiant and exemplary fight against pain and increasing weakness.

## MR PETER FANTONI

Mr Peter Fantoni, who died suddenly on December 17, aged 81, was a gifted watercolourist, well-known for his miniature evocations of his native Italy.

Peter Nello Secondo Fantoni was born on June 28, 1905, into a Tuscan family. His father was one of the Italian ice-cream manufacturers who came to Britain at the turn of the century. Along with the Marcantonios, Bertorellis and Fortes, the Fantonis quickly established themselves in London's East End. Much of their success was due to their introduction of the wafer as a way of serving ice cream.

Against a background largely devoid of artistic encouragement, Fantoni ran off to South America while still in his teens. There he studied at the Hoffman School of Art, and after his return to Britain in 1926 began showing regularly at the Whitechapel Art Gallery.

At the beginning of the Second World War, there was talk of internment. Instead, somewhat surprisingly, he was told to take a job at De Havilland, where he was employed designing parts for aircraft.

The early post-war years were lean and it was only in the mid-Sixties that he once again felt the challenge to paint. As his work again found favour with collectors and fellow artists, his painting, particularly of Venice and the Tuscany of his childhood, began to display brilliance, light and sense of place.

Fantoni is survived by his wife, Maxie, and by his son, the cartoonist, Barry Fantoni.

# University news

**London**
LSE
The following have been elected fellows:
Lord Dainton, FRS, Chancellor of Sheffield University; Professor Harold C Edey, Professor Emeritus of Accounting, LSE; Professor Ernest A Gellner, Professor of Social Anthropology, Cambridge University; Sir Eric Sharp, chairman and chief executive of Cable and Wireless plc and president, Sino-British Trade Council; Mr Eric Sosnow, formerly chairman, United City Merchants plc; Dr Victor Urquidi, former president of El Colegio de Mexico.

Queen Mary College
Appointments
Dr P J Cameron, reader, School of Mathematical Sciences; Dr J P Cosmas, lecturer/manager of the Microprocessor Systems Laboratory, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Dr J Dunkerley, Lecturer, Department of Political Sciences; Dr C Galiotto, Lecturer, Department of Materials; Dr P Palmer, Lecturer, School of Mathematical Sciences; Mr R J Smith, Deputy Financial Secretary; Miss A Takel, lecturer, health and health care research centre, Department of Geography and Earth Science.



Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, who has been elected to an honorary fellowship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

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Read all about it...

We all know what the professional critics read – or claim to read – for pleasure, but what about the men and women with *real* influence? We asked Kenneth Baker and Fred Jarvis, Frances Morrell and Ray Honeyford, Dennis Potter and Russell Hoban, Simon Rattle and Victoria Wood (and others) to say what they had most enjoyed reading this year.

In *The Times Educational Supplement* this week.

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Science report

# Soviet search for life in space

By Andrew Wiseman

Using the world's largest optical telescope, Soviet scientists have begun to look for evidence of intelligent life in space.

A group of astronomers are working with Dr Viktor Shvartsman at the special astrophysical observatory of the Soviet Union's Academy of Sciences, in the Caucasus, which is – for the first time in the history of astronomical research – trying to locate laser signals of extra-terrestrial origin.

The search for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence by the American SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) project involves scanning the heavens with the "ears" of giant radio telescopes.

But according to Soviet press reports, the Russian astro-physicists decided to concentrate on optical astronomy and laser beams, convinced there was no point studying the limited opportunities provided by the radio spectrum as a possible source of messages. They argued that any civilisation more advanced than ours would use a high density information channel provided by the laser beam of light to communicate with other planets.

The Soviet exploration coincides with the publication of *The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Listening for life in the Cosmos* by Dr Thomas McDonough, an astrophysicist, and lecturer in engineering at the California Institute of Technology.

Before reviewing the most recent evidence on the presence of other intelligent life and the schemes to detect it, He traces the fascination and beliefs by earth-bound mortals for hundreds of years of the existence of other beings among the stars.

Dr McDonough believes intelligence probably exists, and there is a good chance pf detecting it before the end of the century.

But Soviet scientists admit that existing equipment makes it impossible for earth bound researchers to join a "hypothetical inter-stellar laser dialogue", but claim their six metre optical telescope could overhear such "conversations" if they took place.

So far, the Soviet team has not identified any laser pulses originating from space. They also concede that it would not necessarily prove the existence of some form of extra-terrestrial intelligence.

But they believe that conditions capable of producing natural laser radiation exist in parts of the universe.

The first problem faced by the Russians, was to agree on which possible sources of radiation to focus their telescope. After discussion they decided that stars in the same spectral class as the sun could turn out to be the habitats of unknown civilisation. They have chosen representative samples for their experiments, all of them 65 light years away from us.

The success of the Soviet programme depends on a number of assumptions, the most important is that the level of knowledge available to the "extra-terrestrial intellectuals" is only slightly ahead of ours. Another, that they have worked out how to send short, powerful laser pulses at the precise moment when a star is capable of receiving it.

Because the speed at which information is sent through the optical range of electromagnetic waves is very great, it is believed that one laser transmitter could, within a period of 24 hours, be in contact with millions of stars in our galaxy.

*The Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, Published by John Wiley, £16.50.

# Christmas services

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck), Responses (Rose). Te Deum (Britten in C). Benedictus (Stanford in C). O magnum mysterium (de Victoria). 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat and F. Dies sanctificatus (Palestrina). 3.15 E and Carols. Responses (Rose). Wood in F. Rev M Allchin.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 pm Carol Service with Blessing of Crib; 11.30 pm Midnight Mass; 8 HC; 10.30 M, Jubilate; Te Deum (Byrd in D); 11.30 HC. Missa sancti Johannis de Deo (Haydn). Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck). 5.15 E and Carols. Responses (Stanford). For unto us a child is born (Handl, in duici jubilo (Schedi).
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 11.30 pm Carols with Cubs, Rolling (for Pestalozzi Children's Village). Rt Rev E G Knapp-Fisher; 8 HC; 10.30 Procession and S Euch, Very Rev Michael Mayne; 3 Evensong.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11.30 pm Euch. Missa brevis in G (Mozart). Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow). Whence is this goodly fragrance (trad, French, arr Woodcock). Bishop of Southwark; 11 Euch. Spatzenmesse. Ave verum (Mozart). Joys Seven (trad, arr Cleobury). Very Rev David L Edwards.
QUEEN'S ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch. Stanford in C. Canon A D Cassar.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch. Darke in F. Ven R E D Sharpley.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE: 10.30 Matins in the Sick Quarters (Darke). GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11.30 pm HC; 11 M. LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 10 HC.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11.30 pm HC. Missa 4 voces (Byrd).
TEMPLE CHURCH: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Morning Prayer and HC. Responses (Bernard Rose). Te Deum Laudamus (Vaughan Williams in G). Jubilate Deo (Sumerlay in B flat). Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck).
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 11.30 pm Midnight Euch. Kronungsmesse (Mozart in C). O magnum mysterium (Victoria). Ven G R Kenward: 8.30 HC; 11 Euch. Schubert in G. Jesu the very thought is sweet (Victoria). Rev R N Kenward.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 11.30 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity; 8.30 HC; 11 M. Stanford in C. Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck). 12.15 pm, HC.
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11.30 pm Carols and Midnight Mass by Candlelight. Rev Peter Delaney; 11 Carol Service and Family C. Rev Michael Beech (Barochius).
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: 12 pm HM. Missa sancta Nicolai (Haydn). Christus natus est (Sweelinck); 8 LM; 11 HM. Missa brevis in D (Mozart). Hodie Christus natus est (Poulenc). Rev W H Taylor.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11.30 pm HC. Rev Kim Swithinbank; 10.30 Rev Richard Bewes.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 11.45 pm HC; 7, 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 HM. Prep Lelahton Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 11.30 pm Euch. Rev N Weir; 8, 12 HC; 11 MS, Rev N Weir.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 12 pm Blessing of the Crib; 8M, Nicholas (Gibbons); 8.15 HC. The Dawn-Mass; 11 Euch. Mass for four voices (Byrd). Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck). Rev Dr A W Marsh.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11.30 pm HC. Preb T C B Cotton; 8 HC; 11 Family Service. Rev J A K Millar; 12.15 pm HC.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, 8.30 HC; 11 Morning Prayer and Euch. Rev Dr Martin Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street: 11.45 pm Midnight Mass. Canon Roberts; 8.30, 12.10 HC; 11.30 Euch.
ST ALBAN'S, Holborn; 12 pm HM. Missa brevis in D (Mozart). Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck). Rev Michael Mayne; 9.30, 5.30 LM; 11 HM. Missa brevis (Britten). Rev Baker.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 11.45 pm Midnight Mass; 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Rev John Vine.
ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate: 11.30 pm LM; 11.55 pm Midnight Mass. Mozart in D; 9 LM; 11 HM. Rev D White.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square; 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Whitlock in G.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 11.30 pm HC. Rev M Parker; 8, 11.30 HC; 6.30 Family Service. Rev M Bunker.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 11.30 pm Euch. Mass in F (Darke). Hodie Christus natus est (Poulenc). Rev D Perkin; 10.30 S Euch. Mass in G (Weber). For unto us a child is born (Handl). Rev J Hassiecos.
ST JOHN'S, Smith Square, SW3: 11.30 pm Euch. Dss S Watson; 8, 11.30 HC; 10.30 MS, Rev D R Watson.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11.45 pm Euch. Canon Trevor Beeson; 8.15, 12.15 HC; 11 HM. Canon Trevor Beeson.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols; 11.30 pm HC (Admission by ticket); 9.45 HC; 11.30 Morning Prayer. Rev Stephen Roberts; 6.30 Evening Prayer, Rev Philip Chester.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 11.55 pm Carols; 12 pm HC. Missa brevis in D (Mozart). Glory to God (Handl). Ave verum corpus (Mozart). Rev Timothy Bugby; 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM. Missa octavi toni (Lassus). The blessed son of God (Vaughan Williams). Infant holy, infant lowly (trad.). Rev John Cling.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, NW1: 11.30 pm Midnight Mass. Spatzenmesse (Mozart). For unto us a boy is born (Handl). Rev C K Harnet Cooke; 8, 11 HC. Sancti Nicolai (Haydn). Quem vidisti pastores (Victoria). Rev K McLaren.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 11.30 pm Midnight C; 8.15, 12 HC; 11 Family Service. Rev D C L Prior.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch. Stanford in C. Up, good Christian folk (Piae Cantiones). Rev David Burton Evans.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 11.30 pm Midnight Euch. Communion Service in D minor (R Vaughan Williams). Rev Roger Royle; 11 Euch. Kleine Orgelsolo Messe (F J Haydn). And the Word is incarnate (Orlando Gibbons). Hodie nobis de coelo descendit (Alessandro Grandi). Rev Christopher Courtenay.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 11.45 pm Procession, Blessing of the Crib and Midnight Mass. Messe de Minuit pour Noel (Charpentier). Rev D B Tibber; 8.15 HC; 10 Family M; 11 Sol. Mass for four voices (Byrd). For unto us a child is born (Byrd), Rev P Bustin.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11.30 pm and Blessing of the Crib. An Earthly Tree, A Heavenly Fruit (Byrd in 4 parts). Rev Gonville French-Beytagh.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11.30 pm Candlelit Service. Very Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey; 10 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 11 Family Service.
CROWN COURT CHURCH, Russell Street, WC2: 11.30 pm Watchnight Service. Rev Kenneth G Hughes; 11 Christmas Day Service. Rev Kenneth G Hughes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11.30 pm Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib. Messe de minuit (Charpentier).
FARM STREET, W1: 11.30 pm HM. Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn); 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11.30 pm Midnight Mass. Marianzallermesse (Haydn). Hallelujah Chorus (Handl); 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30 LM; 11 HM. Coronation Mass (Mozart).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place; 12 pm Midnight Mass. Missa Martyrum (Bonnfilol.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington; 11.30 pm Carols and Procession to Crib; 12 pm Midnight Mass. BVM (Gollier). Adeste fideles (trad); 8, 9, 10, 12.30 LM; 11 HM. Mass "L'homme passa" (Vladana). O magnum mysterium (Byrd).
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10 Rev Eric Waugh.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11.30 Midnight C. 10 Family Worship.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11.45 pm Midnight C; 11 Dr Kenneth Slack.
REGENT SQUARE PRESSBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 10 Rev John Miller.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11.30 Euch, Rev Dr Ronald C Gibbins; 11.30 MS, Rev Dr Ronald C Gibbins.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11.30 pm Candlelit C, Rev Dr R John Tudor; 10.30 Family Service, Rev Dr R John Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
*pm indicates a Christmas Eve service.

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# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

# PERSONAL COLUMNS

I thank God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
Romans 1 : 8

## BIRTHS

**ANDREW** - On December 16th, to Wendy (née Gray) and Robert, a son, William Robert.

**BUTLER** - On December 22nd, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Ann (née Vlasto) and Charles, a son, Thomas Noel Dacres.

**CRYER** - On December 20th 1986, to Anne (née Ellis) and Gerry, a son, Benjamin Joseph Murray.

**DUNN** - On December 16th, to Jane (née Parsons) and Thomas, a son, a brother to Archie.

**FORD** - On December 19th, to Rosalind (née Birkett) and Andrew, a son, Edward Christian.

**FRY** - On December 18th, at The West London Hospital, to Caroline (née Fraser) and Richard, a son, Henry Thomas Boyton.

**GRYLLS** - On 20th December, to Jane (née Clitherow) and Robin, a daughter, Eliza Katherine, a sister for Nicola.

**HALFHEAD** - On December 18th, at St Thomas' to Frankie (née Waterhouse) and Christopher, a son, a brother for Lucy.

**HERDMAN** - On 18th December, to Susan (née Stirrup) and Rory, a daughter, Sophie Charlotte Duddingstone.

**MACHELL** - On October 25th in Perth, West Australia, to Christine and Richard, a son, Rory Darius, a brother for Oliver.

**MALDONADO** - On December 22nd at Buckland Hospital, Dover, to Alexandra (née Dyboska) and Joaquin, a daughter.

**MARRIAGE** - On December 22nd, to Caroline and Jeremy, a son, Freddie, a brother for Clare.

**MILLWARD.** On December 18th at Princess Margaret, Windsor, to Peter and Mandy, a daughter Abby Olivia, a sister for Sophie.

**MONTGOMERY** - On December 20th, to Lucy (née Bird) and Robert, a daughter, Fiona Mary.

**NAVARRO** - On December 21st, at St George's, to Rachel and Francis, a daughter, Lucy Patricia.

**POPHAM** - On Thursday 4th December To Philippa (née Melville) and Robert, a 1st born son Michael Joseph.

**RADCLIFFE** - On December 18th 1986, to Shirley (née Harvey) and Grant, a son, Edward James, a brother for Charlotte Victoria.

**ROBBINS** - On December 16th 1986, in Kathmandu, to Gillian (née Govder) and Marcus, a son, Nicholas Eric Ritter.

**STRUTT** - On December 20th, to Charlotte (née Lanyon) and Paul, a son, Richard Alistair Robert.

**SWEET** - On December 18, at St Thomas' Hospital to Jane (née Gunner) and Charles, a son, Edward Charles John, a brother for William.

**TRITTON** - On December 19th, to Sallylou (née Nelson) and Peter, a daughter, Emma Pamela Louise, a sister for Jonathan.

**WESTON** - On December 17, at Basingstoke District Hospital to Hilary and John, a son, Richard Thomas Barton, a brother for George.

## MARRIAGES

**COURSE : WARNER** - on December 20th in Edinburgh Antony Course to Alicia Warner (nee Whitaker).

## DEATHS

**BAILEY** - On December 21st, peacefully in hospital aged 82, Major John Patrick Curran Bailey M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., (Bill). Former Director of Music 1st/2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles, and Bandmaster to the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. Cremation a. Chichester on Tuesday 30th Dec at 12.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

**BEETHAM** - On December 21st, at Burford, suddenly but peacefully, Irene, formerly of Welshpool and Charlbury, the beloved mother of Ann and grandmother of William and Charlotte. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 1.30pm, December 29th. No flowers but donations, if desired, will be for the hospital and nursing home who cared for her so devotedly. Cheques to Irene Beetham Memorial Fund c/o Barclays Bank, Market St, Charlbury, Oxford.

**BURRELL** - On 23rd December, peacefully at home, Dorothy Alice (née Wallwork). Much beloved wife of Eric Hugh and mother of Jennifer, Laurence and Jacqueline. Flowers from family only. Donations to St. Andrew's Church, Boxford near Newbury, much appreciated. Enquiries to Camp Hopson, Northbrook St, Newbury. Tel. Newbury 43590.

**CANTON** - On December 22, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness, Margaret Faith Muriel Helen aged 77, dearly loved wife of Vernon, and mother of Christopher, Elizabeth and John. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations if desired to MIND.

**ELLISON** - On 20th December, in hospital, Joseph Eric Ellison O.B.E., dearly loved husband of Elvira and loving father of Wendy. Funeral Service on 30th December at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only

**EMSLIE** - On December 21st, George Bradshaw, husband of the late Helen Mary Orme Emslie and father of Martin, Philip and Nigel.

**GAER** - On 19th December, Rolland Jullien, at St James' Hospital, Balham. Funeral to be held at 3.00 pm on Tuesday December 30th at The Church of St Nicholas and Mary Magdalene, Church Street, London W4. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

**GAINE** - On December 19, suddenly at home, Philip Roger, aged 76, dear husband of Nobuko. Funeral at 12 Noon, on December 29, at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2. Family flowers only by request, but donations if desired to Japan Animal Welfare Society, 88/90 Weston Street, London SE1 3QH.

**GANN** - On December 22nd 1986, Leonard Hugh, peacefully at Emsworth. Father of Gretta and Geoffrey. Donations to Cancer Research

**GROCOCK** - On December 20 1986, George Robert, Commander RN (retired). Beloved husband of Moira and loved father of Michael, Diane, John and Sheelagh and loving grandpa of Alistair, Helen, Claire and David. Funeral will take place at Strete Church, near Dartmouth on December 31 at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Torquay Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent to Captain G M Tullis, Brittania Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, for the King George V's Fund for Sailors.

**GUNN** - On December 21st, suddenly but peacefully at home, Stewart Ewer (Bob) Gunn T.D., C.B.E., deeply loved husband of Phyllis, loving father of Jane and Ann, beloved grandfather of James, Simon, Michael, Christopher and Catherine. Funeral Service on Monday December 29th at St. Edmunds Church, Village Way, Beckenham at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, W1.

**HARGREAVES** - On December 20th, Freda Louise, aged 86, widow of the late Collwyn Hargreaves and mother of Gillian, Faith and Rosamond.

**HASE** - On December 18th 1986, Richard Winter Hase, Group Captain Royal Airforce retired. Funeral has taken place. Per ardua ad astra.

**HAYWARD** - On 22nd December, suddenly and peacefully, Peter, formerly of Haywardsend, Stonehouse, Glos, only son of the late Cmdr and Mrs Hubert Hayward. Funeral service at St Cyr's Church, Stonehouse on Tuesday 30th December at 3pm. Flowers may be sent to H E Beard Ltd, Funeral Directors, High street Stonehouse.

**HOLDER** - On December 22nd, peacefully at home in Lymington, (after illness bravely borne), John Terence (Terry), aged 81, loved husband of Eileen and father of John and Carolyn. Thanksgiving Service at St. Thomas Church, Lymington on Tuesday December 30th at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, c/o Diamond & Son F.D., 9-11 Lower Buckland Road Lymington, Hants.

**KEATING** - On December 21st, suddenly at home, Alan, the dearly beloved husband of Thelma and father of Teresa and Jeffrey. Service and Cremation at 12.30pm on Wednesday 31 December at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. No flowers but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation - c/o W.Hodges & Co, 37 Quakers Hall Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. Tel:(0732)454457

**KING** - On December 19, peacefully in Dorset, Ronald Mellowes, aged 81, much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Formerly of Bryanston School. Cremation Service at Salisbury, Wilts Friday January 2 at 2.15 pm.

**LAITHWAITE** - On December 21st 1986 in London, Sir Gilbert Laithwaite G.C.M.G., K.C.B., aged 92 years. Sometime Permanent Under Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. The Funeral Service will be in Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, SW1 at 11am on Tuesday 30th December by kind permission of The Rev Canon Kelly of the Cathedral, there will be a small reunion of Gilbert's friends in one of the Cathedral rooms. There will be no Memorial Service and no flowers by his request. Donations to The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6RR.

**LANDRETH** - On December 22, peacefully in hospital, Stanley, retired Clerk in Holy Orders and Canon Emeritus of Durham Cathedral, of Greatham Hospital Cleviand.

**LANSDOWN-DAVIS** - On December 19th 1986, very suddenly at his father's home, Neil aged 22 years, much loved by all his family. Funeral service at City of London crematorium, Alders Brook Road, E12, Tuesday 30th December at 11.50am. Flowers may be sent to A Bennett & Sons, 849 High Road, Leyton, London E10 by 9.30am.

**LESLIE** - On Tuesday December 23rd 1986, at The Croft Nursing Home, Nairn, Rosa Phyllis wife of the late Lt. Col. Walter Alexander Andrew Leslie MC of Firth Cottage, Findhorn. Funeral Service in St John's Episcopal Church, Forres on Saturday December 27th at 12 noon and thereafter to Clovenside Cemetery, Forres.

**LYKIARDOPULO** - On December 21st, peacefully, after a short illness, Antzouletta, widow of Gerasimos and mother of Nico. Funeral at 11 am on Saturday December 27th at St. Sophia Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, W2. Family flowers only please, and donations to the Greek Orthodox Charity Organisation or the Greek Light of London.

**MELFORD-COLEGATE** - On December 19th, suddenly at home, Jackeydawra, Widow of Wallace George, mother of Merle, Felix and Amzel and much loved grandmother. Funeral details to be arranged.

**NICHOLLS** - On December 20, in hospital, Laurence Percy (Bunny), T.D., F.C.A., husband of Dobbie and father of Sue. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to the British Diabetic Association.

**PENHALIGON** - On December 22nd 1986, David Charles Penhaligon, Member of Parliament for the Truro Constituency, loving husband of Annette, darling dad of Matthew and Anna, dear son of Saidie and brother of John and Margaret. Private funeral. Family flowers only. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at a later date.

**PILLING** - On December 21st 1986, Commander A. M., R. N. retired, suddenly at home, aged 84. Maurice, dear husband, father and grandfather. Cremation at Worcester crematorium on Monday December 29th at 11.30am. Family only, followed by a Memorial service at St Michaels', Abberley at 2.30pm. Donations if desired to King Georges Fund for Sailors or the R.N.L.I.

**POWELL** - On December 19, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Phyllis Grace May (formerly Oakes), loving mother of Roger. Funeral Service on December 31, Beaverwood Cemetery, Chislehurst 10.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Royal Marsden Leukaemia Fund, c/o Mannerings Funeral Service, 46 Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent.

**RISSIK** - On December 22nd, peacefully at home, Muriel Elizabeth, aged 91 years, much loved wife for 68 years of Corrie, loving mother of David, Rosemary, Audrey and Charmian, grandmother and great-grandmother. 'With Jesus which is far better'. Funeral on Tuesday December 30th, Bishop Hannington Church, Holmes Avenue, Hove at 2.15 pm followed by cremation (private) at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. Family flowers only.

**ROY** - On December 19, suddenly, Sonia, widow of Harry. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday January 6th at noon. Flowers to Ronald P Sherry, 25 Bell St, NW1 or if desired, donations to Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle St, W1 or Missions to Seamen,22A Eccleston Square, SW1.

**SIMPSON** - On December 21st 1986, peacefully at an Ayr Hospital, Bill Simpson. Funeral Service at Ayr Crematorium on Wednesday December 24th, at 12.30pm.

**SIMSON** - On December 18th 1986, suddenly at home in Hungerford, John Adhemar (Tom), deeply missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford on Monday December 29th at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to the Artists General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, London. Memorial Service to be announced later. Enquiries to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury. Telephone: 43590

**STEPHENSON** - On December 19th 1986, suddenly at home, Richard John, aged 62 of Leatherhead. Dearly loved father of Janice, Paulene and Martin, dear grandfather to Andrew and Emily and loving fiancé of Anne. Service at Leatherhead Parish Church on Wednesday December 24th at 9.15 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers to L. Hawkins & Sons, Leatherhead. Tel: 0372 372435.

**WILLIAMSON** - On December 19th 1986, Donald James MacGregor (Bill) FICE, peacefully in his 79th year, husband of Greta and father of Bruce, Fiona Sally and Robin. Funeral at NE Surrey Crematorium on Monday December 29th 1986 at 1.30 pm. Flowers to F. Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, Surrey.

**WROUGHTON** - On December 13th at Keswick, in her 82nd year, Margaret Wroughton of Innemore Lodge, Mull, widow of Robert Lewis Wroughton, HM Colonial Service.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**REVILL** - A Memorial Service for Patricia Mary Revill of Polgray, Palace Road, St Austell, Cornwall will be held at St Stephen's Church, Canonbury, London N1, on Saturday January 24th, at 11 am.

## IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

**DOCKSEY** Patrick, beloved husband and father, died Christmas Day, 1978, in his 75th year.

**DRAYSON** - Angela who died last Christmas Day. Remembering you always with love 'Me'

**DRUMMOND-WOLFF** - R.H.C. Col. Black watch. In memory of a very good friend, still missed by Patricia.

**HARDIE** - Colin, Commander D.S.C. R.N. retired. In memory of a truely wonderful husband and loving father. Still so sadly missed by his devoted wife, Patricia and his two children.

**HILL** - Sir Denis, lovingly remembered at this time by family, friends and colleagues.

**MELVILLE** Alan. Treasured memories and so sadly missed by Midge and family.

**OTTEY** - Charles. In memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather.

**RICHARDS** - On 24th December 1961, Frank, creator of the immortal Billy Bunter among many immortals.

**SMITH** - In loving memory of Frank Ernest, dear husband of Eva, and father of Lawrence and Gillian.

**STANLEY** - Josephine Molly, 24th December 1982, remembered with love and sadly missed by her husband Robbie and family.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

**RICHARDSON:MORAN** - On December 23rd 1961 at the British Embassy, Bamako, Tony to Irene. Now at 71 Munster Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

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**ADRIAN** Manning loves Janie Backshall. It.s now official.

**JULES WEINBERG** of Lake Placid, N.Y. died Nov 10, in Lake Placid. He was born in Brooklyn N.Y. a son of Harru and Minnie Greenspun Weinberg. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Nochim Pommer of New York City, one sister, one brother, two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He was the Vice President of the Long Island News and a partner in the Weinberg News Service in New Hyde Park, N.Y. He was a member of the National Assn. of Watch and Clock Collectors and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday at North Elba Cemetery in Lake Placid. Memorial donations to the Lake Placid Volunteer Ambulance Service or the Lake Placid Volunteer Fire Department would be appreciated.

**THIS CHRISTMAS** please help our Chairman, Lord Tonypandy, provide more care, comfort and companionship for many lonely old people. Donations please to the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged, New Broad St House, 35 New Broad Street,London EC2M 1NH.

**NEWMAN** Sue (Dover) - For taking the time to care, for caring enough to love, for loving enough to understand me, I love you. Happy Christmas. GES.

**ROSALIND K. GAFFNEY** - Congratulations from family and friends on achieving your M.A. at Durham University.

**MYOSOTIS** darling. May you and yours have a peaceful Christmas. Love T.M.G.S.

**NAILOID** - Are we wheeling tomorrow? - Remember the port.

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**TIGER** - My love will reach everywhere under the sun. From Stuck in the Mud.

## BIRTHDAYS

**JOHN STUART POLLITT** Happy 40th Birthday. With all our love Jennifer, Daniel and Victoria.

## SERVICES

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**ROSE** - ' Happy Christmas ' Maria.

# Hattersley in attack on the 'biased' press

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader of the Labour Party, yesterday accused the British press of being more "prejudiced, irresponsible and, in some specific instances, dishonest" than ever before.

"That must be obvious to anyone who reads the British press at the moment," he said.

Mr Hattersley was being questioned about exclusive disclosures in *The Times* yesterday about a new offensive by Labour MPs to counter what is seen as a concerted effort by Fleet Street to torpedo the party's hopes of an election victory.

He claimed that the virulence and unscrupulousness of the present campaign overshadowed previous press attempts, most notably in 1964 and 1974, to scupper Labour's chances.

The party now faced a "strange partnership" coordinated and calculated by the Conservative Party that had been fostered throughout Mrs Margaret Thatcher's premiership.

"A number of things have changed. Some once-respectable newspapers have become no less biased than papers at the bottom of the market," he said on BBC Radio 4.

He claimed that *The Times* had deteriorated so that it was now as partisan as the *Daily Mail* or the *Daily Express*.

"Also in 1964 and 1974 the Conservative Party was not consciously and intentionally coordinating the press campaign as they are now."

The Labour attack on allegedly distorted and inaccurate political reporting comes after an internal party survey of press coverage carried out by Mr Peter Mandelson, director of its campaign and communications unit. That identified *The Sunday Times* as the "flagship" of anti-Labour stories.

Yesterday, Mr Andrew Neil, the paper's editor, rebutted Labour's claims.

Speaking on the same programme, he referred to his paper's damaging revelations in the summer about the Queen's "dismay" at the social policies pursued by Mrs Thatcher.

"If Roy Hattersley thinks he's unhappy about *The Sunday Times*, he ought to speak to Mrs Thatcher – Mrs Thatcher hasn't spoken to us for 18 months.

"Mr Hattersley attacked our sister paper *The Times*. He doesn't like the editorials in *The Times* and he's perfectly at liberty not to.

"As far as news coverage in *The Times* is concerned that's straightforward.

"Indeed, it's *The Times* this morning that gives a perfectly straightforward account of Labour's complaints about press distortion - what's wrong with that?"

Mr Neil dismissed as "nonsense" the notion that Labour was the victim of an orchestrated attack.

Meanwhile, Tory circles yesterday expressed amazement at Labour's onslaught.

They dismissed the idea of a Conservative press in cahoots with the Government. That, they said, was preposterous in the light of stories this year throughout Fleet Street deeply damaging to Mrs Thatcher. They cited in particular the Westland affair, Land Rover, the dispute between Mr Norman Tebbit and the Prime Minister, and the revelations about Mr Jeffrey Archer.

One senior source said: "This smacks of people used to dealing with glossy magazine propaganda, but not used to dealing with the facts of life".

Mr Hattersley said he "thanked God" for the "honest" media – the best examples being the BBC and ITV.Mr Mandelson at a private meeting of Labour frontbench spokesmen last week urged them to eschew the "bunker mentality" and to have a quiet word with offending political journalists.

Mr Neil said Labour's deputy leader had a point in that the tabloid press tended to be too anti-Labour. But serious newspapers separated fact and opinion.

A Liberal MP yesterday joined the Tory chorus of attacks on Labour councils by accusing them of practising "political corruption" in some urban areas.

Writing in the latest issue of *The Radical Quarterly*, a Liberal journal, Mr Michael Meadowcroft, MP for Leeds West, attacked Labour authorities for resorting to propaganda on the rates.

# King's College choir introduces a new Nowel



**The annual festival of nine lessons and carols, including the premiere of a specially commissioned carol, will be broadcast world-wide from King's College Chapel, Cambridge, today.**

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**As well as the congregation of more than 1,000 members of the public, the festival is being broadcast live on BBC radio, and will be heard in most countries over the Christmas period.**

**(Photograph: Graham Wood).**

# Voyager ends record flight

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vapour lock. The plane dived, falling 3,500 ft before Rutan and Yeager were able to start the front engine and then restart the rear engine.

"There was 90 seconds of terror," noted Mr Lee Herron, the mission spokesman. "That plus the fact that gasoline and fumes leaked into their tiny cabin and forced them to use oxygen all the way home."

But by the time they arrived at their desert landing spot, the site of numerous American spacecraft landings, both pilots had regained their calm. Rutan did a couple of victory circles for the benefit of the waiting thousands.

After a thorough medical check-up at a local hospital – to see how their bodies, hearing and equilibrium have stood up to the ordeal – the couple were due to meet the press.

Doctors yesterday said they were concerned that the pilots' hearing may be permaneatly affected. One physician noted: "The Voyager is very noisy, it's like flying next to a jack hammer for nine days solid. They're also pretty bruised and battered by all that being tossed around."

With the completion of the historic flight Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager join the ranks of aviation pioneers, such as Charles Lindbergh, the Wright brothers and Amelia Earhart.

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That in turn, he pointed out, will lead to a new generation of long-distance aircraft.

President Reagan yesterday praised Voyager's unprecedented flight around the world as "magnificent.

# Sakharov pleads for freedom of detainees

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one of the most unusual press conferences seen in Moscow as he willingly fielded a barrage of questions from 250 newsmen. We were permitted to raise a host of subjects normally deemed taboo.

Adding to the curious lack of official disapproval normal at such occasions, a photographer from the Tass news agency was on hand to record the exile's return and later offered pictures of the wild arrival scenes to international subscribers.

Amid the pre-dawn slush covering platform 1 A of Moscow's sprawling Yaroslavsky station, the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb celebrated his return to the city he had not seen since 1980 with a sharp denunciation of the Kremlin's policy on Afghanistan, claimed by some observers to have been the issue which led to his original removal.

As early morning Moscow commuters stared on in disbelief, Dr Sakharov said: "I consider this the most painful point of our foreign policy . . . I would like to see decisive measures that would put an end to this tragedy."

A senior Foreign Ministry official later attempted to play down the significance of the remark. "I do not see anything bad in this comment of Sakharov's. Our leadership has stated on many occasions that we are seeking a solution of the problem in Afghanistan as soon as possible," he said.

Accompanying Dr Sakharov on the train was his ill-looking wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, aged 62, who recently under went a double heart bypass operation in the West. She had to be helped down the platform on the arms of friends and Dr Sakharov explained that she was in "poor condition" with pains in chest and legs.

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Christmas events

**Today**
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; Durham Cathedral, **Durham**; 3: St Alban's Cathedral, St Albans, Herts; 8; St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, **Edinburgh**; 7.30.

**Christmas Day**
Seafront bandstand concert by the Eastbourne Silver Band; **Eastbourne**, 11.

The Christmas Day Ba': Broad St, Kirkwall. **Orkney**; Boys' game 10.30, men's 1.

**Boxing Day**
Traditional Mummers Play and Morris Dancing; Stocks Hill, Church St, **Moulton**, Northants; 11.

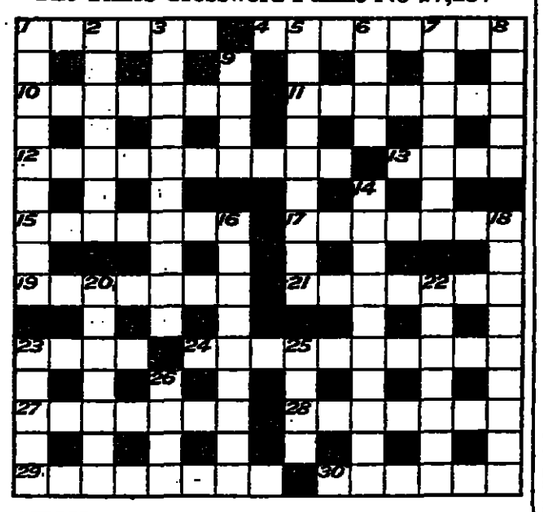
Boxing Day Steaming, Midland Railway Centre, Butterley Station, **Ripley**, Derbyshire; 10-5.

Boxing Day pilgrimage walk from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey ending with ecumenical service; **Ripon**, North Yorkshire; 11.

### Museums and galleries

It is advisable to check opening times of museums and galleries before visiting them as times of closing vary during the Christmas and New Year holiday.

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,237



**ACROSS**
1 Naive Parisian I spotted with girl of the month (6).
4 Fashionable people in trial beaks put back (5,3).
10 Not a genuine performer in second field event (7).
11 Queens may be found in this modern royal house (3,4).
12 Notorious April disaster, trapping more than 20 (10).
13 Nursery gardener or shepherdess (4).
15 Some keys are so narrow (7).
17 Plant row elsewhere, using these? (7).
19 My bases involved in mission (7).
21 Ah! Tempter repelled her (7).
23 Imprison with four keys (4).
24 Ken's verbal composition, poetry of a sort (5,5).
27 Little by little, otherwise, in a mother country (7).
28 M6 sign reversed – for those on the left (7).
29 Oblique team movements (8).
30 Tribesman in some trouble (6).

**DOWN**
1 Girl gives Jack ponies he ordered (9).
2 Moor finally became so green (7).
3 Book about the French never counted (10).
5 Part of 11 that's 15 (9).
6 Moves boats from banks (4).
7 Made speech about an American city (7).
8 Wine acceptable after tea, say (5).
9 Sign to move 29 (4).
14 One composer has game of cards with another (10).
16 Service with which Albert was initially associated (5,4).
18 Virginia's husband, perhaps, is a politician (9).
20 Conceited fellow makes important point (3-4).
22 Stone fish (7).
23 What's many a fool? That's about right (5).
25 Handle dropped in attempt to impress (4).
26 Consider prospect (4).

**Solution to Puzzle No 17,236**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | O | N | A | F | I | D | E | C | A | R | A | S |
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### Christmas travel

**British Rail**
Today: Normal Wednesday service, with extra services early in the day, and some evening commuter trains cancelled. The system will close down by 10 pm, with most trains starting their last journey before then.
Christmas Day and Boxing Day: No services.
December 27: Normal Saturday service, though most early morning trains will not run.
December 28: Normal Sunday service.
December 29 and 30: Normal weekday services, but with reduced commuter services.
December 31: Wednesday service in Scotland with last trains generally running before 10 pm. No overnight trains except for Irish Mail boat trains to and from Holyhead.
January 1: No services in Scotland; InterCity trains will not run north of Carlisle of Newcastle; no local services in NE England; most Network SouthEast services will operate to a Sunday timetable.
**London Transport**
Christmas Day: No bus or Underground services except for the Airbus A1 to Heathrow.
Boxing Day: Special services for buses and Underground. Check on 01-222 1234 after 9 am that the service or route you want is operating.
December 29, 30, 31 and January 2: Most bus services will run to Saturday timetables.
January 1: Buses and Underground will run to Sunday timetables.
One New Year's Eve travel on London buses and Underground will be free after 11.45 pm.
**National Express**
Christmas Day: Very limited service, for example to hospitals.
Boxing Day: Services from London to main cities and some cross-country services, for example Aberdeen and Plymouth to Nottingham via Bristol.

### Roads

**London and the south-east:** Leyton: Delays expected as Church Rd closed between Malta Rd and Capworth St. A3: Repairs to traffic lights at Robin Hood Roundabout will cause delays. A6: Uneven road surface due to roadworks on Ampthill Rd, Bedford.
**The Midlands:** A458: Delays likely at Bewdley bypass. A1: Lane closures W of St Neots at Eaton Socon. A45: Lane closures at Earls Barton between Northampton and Wellingborough.
**The North:** M1: Delays between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop/A630 Sheffield). M6: Contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (Preston/M55). A1: Work at Wetherby bypass, W Yorkshire.
**Wales and the west:** A38: Delays between Exeter and Plymouth due to lane closures in both directions at the top of Haldon Hill. A48: Inside lane closed E and westbound on M4 (junction 44) to Port Talbot due to roadworks from Lon-Las to Earlswood. A303: Road improvements between Mere and Amesbury at Furze Hedge junction A350.
**Scotland:** M80: Inside lane closed Stirling bound between junction 5 (Bankhead) and 9 (Prinhall). A701: Diversions and lane restrictions at Straiton Village, Lothian. A73: Single line traffic at Carluke and at Wellgateshead, Lanark.

### The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.255 | 2.135 |
| Austria Sch | 21.0 | 19.80 |
| Belgium Fr | 62.80 | 59.20 |
| Canada $ | 2.06 | 1.97 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.24 | 10.64 |
| Finland Mrk | 7.46 | 6.96 |
| France Fr | 9.74 | 9.24 |
| Germany Dm | 2.98 | 2.81 |
| Greece Dr | 235 | 216 |
| Hong Kong $ | 11.60 | 11.10 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.096 | 1.038 |
| Italy Lire | 2065 | 1945 |
| Japan Yen | 248 | 234 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.345 | 3.165 |
| Norway Kr | 11.32 | 10.72 |
| Portugal Esc | 222 | 210 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.80 | 3.80 |
| Spain Pta | 199 | 184 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.34 | 9.79 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.485 | 2.345 |
| USA $ | 1.51 | 1.44 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 820 | 720 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.

**Retail Price Index:** 391.7
**London:** The *FT* index closed up 8.0 at 1294.1.

### Anniversaries

TODAY
Births: **John**, King of England 1199-1216, 1167; **George Crabbe**, poet, 1754; **Matthew Arnold**, poet and critic, 1822.
Deaths: **William Makepeace Thackeray**, novelist, 1863; **Alban Berg**, composer, 1935.
TOMORROW
Births: **Sir Issac Newton**, mathematician and astronomer, 1642; **William Collins**, poet, 1721; **Maurice Utrillo**, artist, 1883.
Deaths: **Karel Capek**, dramatist, 1938; **W. C. Fields**, film comedian, 1946; **Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin**, 1977.
BOXING DAY
Births: **Thomas Gray**, poet, 1716; **Henry Miller**, novelist, 1891.
Deaths: **John Wilkes**, political reformer, 1797; **James Stephens**, novelist and poet, 1950; **Harry S. Truman**, 33rd President of the USA 1945-53, 1972.
Today is the Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr of the Church.

### Gas safety code

If you suspect a gas leak follow the safety code issued by British Gas.
Put out cigarettes. Do not use matches or naked flames.
Do not operate electrical switches (including doorbells).
Open doors and windows to get rid of the gas and keep them open until the leak has stopped.
Check to see if a tap has been left on accidentally, or if a pilot has gone out. If not, there is probably a gas leak.
Turn off the whole supply at the meter and call gas service. The number is under "gas" in the telephone book. If you cannot turn off the supply, or the smell continues after you have, or you have no supply, you must call the gas service.

### Christmas calls

Cheap-rate local, national and most international calls will be available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from 6 pm today to 8 am on December 29 and from 6 pm on December 31 to 8 am January 2.
In Scotland the reductions will run to 8 am Monday, January 5.
A three minute call from Britain to Australia will cost £2.11 instead of the normal £3.64 and a call from London to Edinburgh will cost 13p for three minutes instead of 26p (excluding VAT).

### Postal services

There will be one letter and one parcel delivery today and the last collection of post will be around lunchtime. Deliveries and collections will resume on December 29 but will not operate on New Year's Day.
Post Offices in England and Wales will close at 12.30 pm today and at 4 pm in Scotland, opening again on December 29. They will be closed on New Year's Day and also on January 2 in Scotland.

### Portfolio Gold

**Portfolio - how to play**
Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.
Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.
If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.
**How to claim**
Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53772 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.
You must have your card with you when you telephone.
If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.
No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.
The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

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### WEATHER

**Much milder westerly winds will gradually spread across Britain from the NW. There will be a frost at first in some south-eastern districts, and it will stay rather cold but dry during the day in the SE. Cloud will steadily thicken across Britain during the day, and rain or drizzle over Western Scotland and N Ireland early in the day will spread to most of the rest of Scotland, NW England and W Wales by dusk, reaching the SE coast by midnight. It will become foggy over western coasts and hills. Outlook for tomorrow and Boxing Day: Mild and unsettled. Rain at times, but also a little sunshine.**

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | - | .44 | 5 | 41 | rain |
| Bridlington | 0.2 | .49 | 6 | 43 | shower |
| Cromer | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lowestoft | 1.1 | .18 | 5 | 41 | shower |
| Clacton | 2.6 | - | 4 | 39 | bright |
| Southend | 1.5 | - | 4 | 39 | cloudy |
| Margate | - | - | 4 | 39 | sunny |
| Folkestone | 4.5 | - | 5 | 41 | sunny |
| Hastings | 2.4 | - | 4 | 39 | sunny |
| Eastbourne | 1.0 | - | 4 | 39 | cloudy |
| Brighton | 0.3 | - | 3 | 37 | cloudy |
| Worthing | 0.4 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Littlehmpton | 0.4 | .01 | 4 | 39 | shower |
| Bognor R | 1.1 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Southsea | 0.2 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Sandown | - | - | - | - | - |
| Shanklin | - | - | 4 | 39 | cloudy |
| Bournemth | 0.4 | - | 5 | 41 | bright |
| Poole | 0.2 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Swanage | 0.7 | - | 5 | 41 | bright |
| Weymouth | - | - | - | - | - |
| Exmouth | 5.4 | - | 6 | 43 | sunny |
| Teignmouth | 5.4 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Torquay | 4.2 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Falmouth | - | - | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Penzance | 4.1 | .03 | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Scilly Isles | 1.9 | .01 | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Jersey | 0.6 | - | 7 | 45 | cloudy |
| Guernsey | 1.7 | - | 8 | 46 | cloudy |
| Newquay | 1.0 | - | * | * | cloudy |
| Ilfracombe | - | - | 7 | 45 | bright |
| B'pool Airpt | 1.5 | - | 6 | 43 | bright |
| Morecambe | 0.4 | - | 6 | 43 | cloudy |
| Douglas | 2.9 | - | 6 | 43 | cloudy |
| B'ham Airpt | 0.4 | - | 5 | 41 | bright |
| Bristol (Cnt) | 5.6 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Carlisle | 2.4 | - | 6 | 43 | bright |
| London | 0.3 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Manchester | 0.7 | - | 5 | 41 | dull |
| N'cstl-n-Tyne | 1.4 | - | 5 | 41 | shower |
| Nottingham | - | - | 5 | 41 | sleet |
| Anglesey | 0.2 | .02 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Cardiff (Cnt) | 4.9 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Colwyn Bay | - | - | 7 | 45 | cloudy |
| Tenby | 0.4 | .02 | 6 | 43 | cloudy |
| Aberdeen | 1.0 | .10 | 4 | 39 | shower |
| Edinburgh | 0.3 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Eskdalemuir | 2.5 | - | 5 | 41 | bright |
| Glasgow | 3.6 | - | 6 | 43 | bright |
| Kinloss | - | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Larwick | 1.5 | .04 | 3 | 37 | sleet |
| Prestwick | 2.6 | - | 6 | 43 | bright |
| Stornoway | - | .02 | 6 | 43 | drizzle |
| Tiree | - | .01 | 7 | 45 | dull |
| Wick | 0.1 | .15 | 5 | 41 | shower |
| Belfast | - | .01 | 5 | 41 | dull. |

*Figures not available

### LIGHTING-UP TIME

**TODAY**
London 4.25 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.35 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.11 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 4.53 pm to 7.50 am

**TOMORROW**
London 4.26 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 4.54 pm to 7.51 am

**BOXING DAY**
London 4.27 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.13 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.24 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 4.55 pm to 7.51 am

**TODAY** Sun rises: 8.05 am; Sun sets: 3.55 pm; Moon sets: 12.03 pm; Moon rises*: 12.47 am
*Tomorrow
Last quarter 9.17 am

**TOMORROW** Sun rises: 8.06 am; Sun sets: 3.56 pm; Moon rises: 12.47 am; Moon sets: 12.14 pm
New moon December 31

**BOXING DAY** Sun rises: 8.06 am; Sun sets: 3.57 pm; Moon rises 2.08 am; Moon sets 12.27 pm
New moon December 31

### YESTERDAY

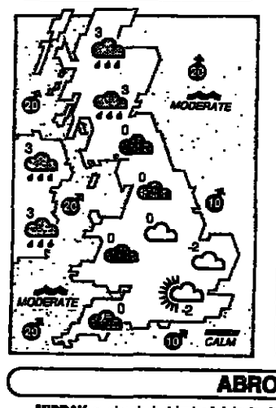
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | c | 4 | 39 | Guernsey | f | 5 | 41 |
| B'mingham | c | 4 | 39 | Inverness | f | 5 | 41 |
| Blackpool | f | 5 | 41 | Jersey | f | 6 | 43 |
| Bristol | s | 6 | 43 | London | c | 5 | 41 |
| Cardiff | s | 6 | 43 | M'nchester | f | 5 | 41 |
| Edinburgh | f | 5 | 41 | Newcastle | f | 4 | 39 |
| Glasgow | f | 5 | 41 | R'nldsway | f | 7 | 45 |

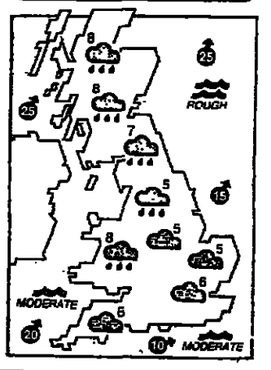
### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (36F) Humidity: 6 pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.3 hrs Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1030.2 millibars, rising
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### AM




### PM



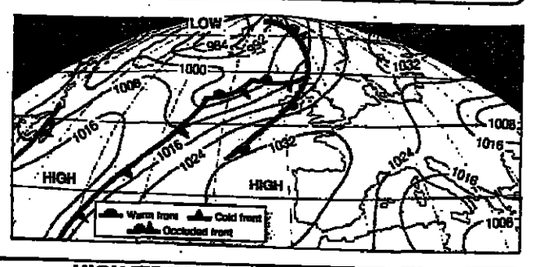

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

| | C | F | | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | f | 10 | 50 | Cologne* | sn | -2 | 28 | Majorca | f | 8 | 46 | Rome | s | 8 | 46 |
| Akrotiri | f | 19 | 66 | C'phagn | sn | -3 | 27 | Malaga | s | 12 | 54 | Salzburg | c | -3 | 27 |
| Alex'dria | s | 21 | 70 | Corfu | t | 11 | 52 | Malta | c | 12 | 54 | S F'risco* | r | 10 | 50 |
| Algiers | c | 7 | 45 | Dublin | c | 4 | 39 | Melb'rne | f | 18 | 64 | Santiago* | s | 31 | 88 |
| Amst'dm | sn | 3 | 37 | Dubrovnik | s | 15 | 59 | Mexico C* | s | 19 | 66 | S Paulo | | | |
| Athens | f | 14 | 57 | Faro | s | 12 | 54 | Miami* | s | 27 | 81 | Seoul | f | 3 | 37 |
| Bahrain* | c | 18 | 64 | Florence | s | 3 | 37 | Milan | s | 7 | 45 | Sing'por | s | 30 | 86 |
| Barbados* | f | 28 | 82 | Frankfurt | s | 0 | 32 | Montreal* | s | 3 | 36 | St'kholm | f | -3 | 27 |
| Barcelna | s | 8 | 46 | Funchal | s | 18 | 64 | Moscow | f | -5 | 23 | Strasb'rg | sn | -1 | 30 |
| Beirut | | | | Geneva | c | -1 | 30 | Munich | sn | -4 | 25 | Sydney | s | 24 | 75 |
| Belgrade | f | -1 | 30 | Gibraltar | s | 13 | 55 | Nairobi | f | 26 | 79 | Tangier | s | 13 | 55 |
| Berlin | sn | -3 | 27 | Helsinki | c | -8 | 18 | Naples | c | 8 | 46 | Tel aviv | s | 19 | 66 |
| Bermuda* | f | 18 | 64 | Hong K | s | 19 | 66 | N Delhi | s | 16 | 61 | Tenerife | f | 19 | 66 |
| Biarritz | f | 5 | 41 | Innsbruck | f | 0 | 32 | N York* | s | 3 | 37 | Tokyo | s | 9 | 48 |
| Bordx'x | s | 4 | 39 | Istanbul | f | 7 | 45 | Nice | s | 9 | 48 | Toronto* | f | 1 | 34 |
| Boul'ne | | | | Jeddah | s | 30 | 86 | Oslo | f | -5 | 23 | Tunis | c | 11 | 52 |
| Brussels | c | 2 | 36 | Jo'burg* | s | 28 | 82 | Paris | r | 4 | 39 | Valencia | s | 9 | 48 |
| Budapst | c | -1 | 30 | Karachi | s | 21 | 70 | Peking | f | 1 | 34 | Vanc'ver* | r | 9 | 48 |
| B Aires* | s | 28 | 82 | L Palmas | f | 20 | 68 | Perth* | c | 22 | 72 | Venice | s | 5 | 41 |
| Cairo | s | 21 | 70 | Lisbon | s | 8 | 46 | Prague | f | -7 | 19 | Vienna | f | -1 | 30 |
| Cape Tn | s | 23 | 73 | Locarno | s | 5 | 41 | Reykjvik | r | -7 | 19 | Warsaw | sq | -3 | 27 |
| C'blanca | f | 14 | 57 | L Angels* | f | 17 | 63 | Rhodes | f | 18 | 64 | Wash'ton* | s | 5 | 41 |
| Chicago* | c | 0 | 32 | Luxembg | f | -1 | 30 | Rio de J | c | 27 | 81 | Wel'ton | r | 17 | 63 |
| Ch'church | s | 23 | 73 | Madrid | f | 5 | 41 | Riyadh | s | 23 | 73 | Zurich | sn | -4 | 25 |

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

### NOON TODAY




### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT | TOMORROW | AM | HT | PM | HT | BOXING DAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 6.18 | 6.1 | 7.04 | 6.1 | London Bridge | 7.07 | 5.9 | 8.05 | 6.0 | London Bridge | 8.16 | 5.8 | 9.18 | 6.0 |
| Aberdeen | 6.43 | 3.5 | 6.39 | 3.7 | Aberdeen | 7.44 | 3.4 | 7.44 | 3.6 | Aberdeen | 8.46 | 3.5 | 8.50 | 3.7 |
| Avonmouth | 11.51 | 10.9 | - | - | Avonmouth | 12.21 | 10.4 | 12.50 | 10.7 | Avonmouth | 1.31 | 10.3 | 2.08 | 10.8 |
| Belfast | 4.02 | 2.9 | 4.24 | 3.3 | Belfast | 4.59 | 2.8 | 5.25 | 3.2 | Belfast | 6.05 | 2.9 | 6.34 | 3.3 |
| Cardiff | 11.36 | 10.1 | - | - | Cardiff | 12.06 | 9.7 | 12.36 | 10.0 | Cardiff | 1.16 | 9.6 | 1.53 | 10.1 |
| Devonport | 10.06 | 4.8 | 10.46 | 4.5 | Devonport | 11.06 | 4.7 | 11.55 | 4.5 | Devonport | - | - | 12.18 | 4.7 |
| Dover | 3.48 | 5.8 | 4.23 | 5.4 | Dover | 4.49 | 5.7 | 5.29 | 5.4 | Dover | 5.53 | 5.7 | 6.32 | 5.5 |
| Falmouth | 9.36 | 4.6 | 10.16 | 4.8 | Falmouth | 10.36 | 4.5 | 11.25 | 4.3 | Falmouth | 11.48 | 4.5 | - | - |
| Glasgow | 5.34 | 4.2 | 5.54 | 4.7 | Glasgow | 6.24 | 4.2 | 6.34 | 4.7 | Glasgow | 7.34 | 4.2 | 7.43 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 4.26 | 3.5 | 5.06 | 3.6 | Harwich | 5.17 | 3.5 | 6.08 | 3.5 | Harwich | 6.21 | 3.4 | 7.21 | 3.4 |
| Holyhead | 3.22 | 4.5 | 3.36 | 4.7 | Holyhead | 4.27 | 4.5 | 4.42 | 4.7 | Holyhead | 5.34 | 4.6 | 5.51 | 4.8 |
| Hull | 11.27 | 6.0 | 11.34 | 6.1 | Hull | - | - | 12.29 | 5.9 | Hull | 12.42 | 6.1 | 1.37 | 6.0 |
| Ilfracombe | 10.54 | 7.4 | 11.28 | 7.1 | Ilfracombe | 11.54 | 7.3 | - | - | Ilfracombe | 12.36 | 7.1 | 1.03 | 7.4 |
| Leith | 7.50 | 4.5 | 8.07 | 4.7 | Leith | 8.47 | 4.6 | 9.04 | 4.7 | Leith | 9.47 | 4.6 | 10.05 | 4.8 |
| Liverpool | 4.02 | 7.6 | 4.20 | 7.9 | Liverpool | 5.02 | 7.5 | 5.23 | 7.8 | Liverpool | 6.10 | 7.6 | 6.31 | 8.0 |
| Lowestoft | 1.54 | 2.3 | 3.19 | 2.0 | Lowestoft | 2.48 | 2.2 | 4.24 | 2.0 | Lowestoft | 3.55 | 2.2 | 5.25 | 2.1 |
| Margate | 4.36 | 4.2 | 5.20 | 4.1 | Margate | 5.38 | 4.1 | 6.25 | 4.1 | Margate | 6.39 | 4.1 | 7.34 | 4.1 |
| Milford Haven | 11.16 | 5.7 | 11.50 | 5.4 | Milford Haven | - | - | 12.17 | 5.6 | Milford Haven | 12.56 | 5.4 | 1.23 | 5.7 |
| Newquay | 10.14 | 5.8 | 10.49 | 5.5 | Newquay | 11.17 | 5.7 | 11.56 | 5.5 | Newquay | - | - | 12.23 | 5.8 |
| Oban | 10.43 | 3.3 | 11.40 | 3.0 | Oban | 11.59 | 3.3 | - | - | Oban | 12.57 | 3.1 | 1.10 | 3.4 |
| Penzance | 9.18 | 4.8 | 10.01 | 4.5 | Penzance | 10.22 | 4.7 | 11.15 | 4.5 | Penzance | 11.37 | 4.7 | - | - |
| Portland | 11.12 | 1.7 | - | - | Portland | 12.14 | 1.5 | 12.16 | 1.6 | Portland | 1.23 | 1.5 | 1.33 | 1.5 |
| Portsmouth | 4.16 | 4.1 | 4.30 | 3.8 | Portsmouth | 5.13 | 4.0 | 5.32 | 3.8 | Portsmouth | 6.15 | 4.1 | 6.42 | 3.9 |
| Shoreham | 3.51 | 5.3 | 4.17 | 5.0 | Shoreham | 4.50 | 5.2 | 5.19 | 4.9 | Shoreham | 5.56 | 5.2 | 6.26 | 5.0 |
| Southampton | 3.59 | 3.9 | 4.10 | 3.8 | Southampton | 5.00 | 3.9 | 5.17 | 3.7 | Southampton | 6.05 | 3.9 | 6.29 | 3.8 |
| Swansea | 11.18 | 7.7 | 11.47 | 7.4 | Swansea | - | - | 12.17 | 7.7 | Swansea | 12.57 | 7.5 | 1.27 | 7.8 |
| Tees | 9.04 | 4.3 | 9.05 | 4.6 | Tees | 10.06 | 4.3 | 10.09 | 4.6 | Tees | 11.13 | 4.4 | 11.19 | 4.7 |
| W'ton-on-Nze | 4.17 | 3.6 | 5.02 | 3.6 | W'ton-on-Nze | 5.13 | 3.6 | 6.03 | 3.6 | W'ton-on-Nze | 6.18 | 3.6 | 7.12 | 3.6 |

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Kenneth Fleet

**STOCK MARKET**

**FT 30 Share**
1294.7 (+8.6)

**FT-SE 100**
1660.9 (+8.7)

**Bargains**
25461

**USM (Datastream)**
129.94 (+0.51)

**THE POUND**

**US Dollar**
1.4485 (+0.0065)

**W German mark**
2.8449 (–0.0059)

**Trade-weighted**
68.6 (–0.1)

## Guinness Peat in $16m buy

Guinness Peat, the merchant banking group, has bought Eagle Management & Trust, an investment advisory business in Houston, Texas, for $16 million (£11 million).

The payment is $14 million in cash and two $1 million interest-free notes maturing after two and three years respectively, unless converted into Guinness Peat shares at 90p a share.

Eagle has funds of more than $825 million under management. The annualized profit before tax attributable to Guinness Peat for the year ending December 31 is estimated at $1.2 million after adjusting for the terms of the acquisition.

## Exxon sale

Exxon Corp is selling Exxon Nuclear Co to Kraftwerk Union for an undisclosed price. Exxon will continue to hold non-voting preference shares in Exxon Nuclear for a limited period.

## Pleasurama

Pleasurama will make an unconditional takeover offer of 184p a share in cash for all outstanding shares of Norscot after buying 61.2 per cent of the company. Both companies are holiday operators.

## Ladbroke buy

Ladbroke Racing has acquired seven licensed betting offices trading as John Nelson Bookmakers in north and east London for £2.3 million, of which £749,999 will be paid in Ladbroke shares and the rest in 13-year loan notes and cash.

## BES full house

Land and Urban (Development and Secured Construction) PLC, the Business Expansion Scheme company sponsored by Chancery Securities, has exceeded its £5 million limit and has closed the offer for subscription.

## Trading halted

Trading in the shares of Guernsey Atlantic Securities Trust has been suspended pending publication of an announcement. The board has received an approach which may lead to an offer for the company.

## CUA expands

Commercial Union Assurance has announced the formation of Commercial Union Asset Management. The new group will be responsible for functions carried out by the company's investment, mortgage and house purchase departments in Britain.


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### Imports surge to £7,547m

# Trade deficit tops £1bn

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's visible trade deficit topped £1 billion last month at £1,032 million — compared with £835 million in October — on surging imports.

The current account was in deficit by £232 million, compared with a revised deficit of £35 million in October, after an embarrassing downward revision of the monthly surplus on the invisible items of trade.

The cumulative current account deficit for the first 11 months of the year was £224 million, suggesting that Britain is heading for its first current account deficit since 1979. In his autumn statement, the Chancellor forecast "broad balance" for the current account this year.

Exports rose by £309 million to £6,515 million last month. But this was exceeded by the rise in imports, up by £506 million to £7,547 million.

The volume of imports rose by 2.4 per cent to its highest-ever level. In the September to November period, import volume was up by 5.4 per cent — 13 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Officials said the apparent flattening of the upward trend in imports, thought to have been detected in October, did not continue last month. The rise in imports last month re-established the upward trend.

Imports of finished manufactures rose by 8.6 per cent in volume terms last month, sucked in by buoyant consumer spending and purchases of capital equipment and raw materials by industry.

Partly offsetting the gloom on imports, the volume of non-oil exports continues to show strength. In the latest three months, export volume rose by 5 per cent to 8.5 per cent above the level a year earlier.

The estimated monthly surplus on invisibles, which was revised up from £600 million to £900 million a month ago, has been revised back down to £800 million.

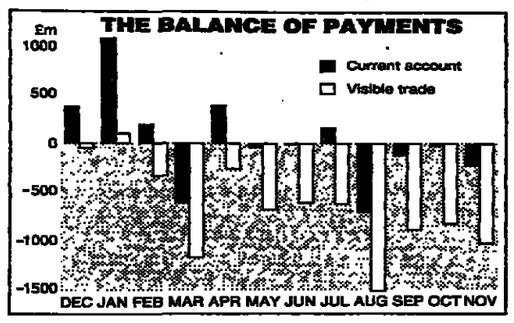
A month ago, before firm data was available on invisible earnings for the third quarter, the monthly surplus for the fourth quarter was revised up to £900 million.

The upward revision kept the current account in surplus in October — by £65 million — and showed a relatively healthy picture for the current account, with a surplus of £429 million in the first 10 months of the year.

The apparent increase in invisible earnings came at a convenient time for the Government and helped to ease the pressure on sterling. Ministers were forced to defend the change in invisibles' estimates in both Houses of Parliament.

Now it appears the statisticians were too optimistic in their premature guesses

One disturbing aspect of the latest trade figures is that the resumption of the upward trend in import volumes is accompanied by higher prices for imports, which could have an effect on inflation.




## Strong economy predicted

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's pre-election economic surge will continue next year, according to the latest *Economic Forecast* published today by Phillips & Drew. But the broker advises the Government not to delay an election beyond next autumn.

"The economy will be roaring along next year thanks to the spending spree in the shops and a marked recovery in investment and exports," Phillips & Drew says.

"Consumers will benefit from rising, real incomes and large tax cuts. And the unemployed will benefit from the recovery in job opportunities.

"What will be less welcome, however, is the inability of the economy to deliver this strong growth without higher inflation and a sharply deteriorating performance on the balance of payments."

The broker predicts a 3.9 per cent rise in consumer spending next year, against the 4.9 per cent rise this year. The current account is forecast to show a £2.8 billion deficit next year, widening to £4 billion in 1988. Inflation is predicted to rise to more than 6 per cent in 1988.

## Pound gains ground as dollar slide continues

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar's end-of-year slide continued yesterday with weak figures for durable goods orders producing further selling. It dropped by 1.3 pfennigs against the mark to 1.9640.

The pound gained ground against the weak dollar, rising by 65 points to $1.4485 in London. The Opec settlement provided continued support for the pound, helping it to overcome the poor November trade figures.

Later in New York, the pound rose to $1.4525, the first sustained break above $1.45 for several weeks.

US durable goods orders, after stripping out the defence component, rose by only 0.6 per cent last month. Many dealers believe that the Federal Reserve Board will move early in the new year to reduce the discount rate if signs of economic weakness persist.

The dollar held steady against the yen, with the pact between Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister, to stabilize the yen-dollar rate apparently surviving the latest bout of dollar weakness. The yen closed at 162.45 against the dollar, barely changed on its previous closing level.

The pound's gain against the dollar helped the sterling index to a 0.1 point rise to 68.6.

## Moorey moves to DTI

Mr Adrian Moorey, head of information at the Department of Employment, has been appointed to the demanding post of director of information at the Department of Trade and Industry.

The vacancy was caused by the previously announced departure of Miss Colette Bowe, who drew public attention for her part in official leaks during the Westland affair.

Mr Moorey, aged 40, came originally from Rochester, Kent andstarted his professional life in advertising. He later switched to the publicity section of the Home Office. He also worked in the Prime Minister's Office.

The DTI, a focus of press attention since the Westland saga, has also been embroiled in the tin crisis, the Leyland affair and, most recently, a spate of insider dealing disclosures.

## Bonus for Westland investors

By Alexandra Jackson

Preference shareholders in Westland, the rescued helicopter group, will receive a late Christmas gift with a payment on the 7.5 per cent convertible preference shares due on December 31.

As part of the capital restructuring earlier this year, Westland was prevented from distributing profits earned in the year to the end of September as these had to be kept in a special undistributable reserve.

However, the group was able to pay shareholders from profits earned after that date.

Results for the period from October 1 to November 21 showed attributable profits of £5 million.

The company gave a warning, however, that this level of profitability should not be considered indicative of the likely outcome for the full year.

It was not possible to make an ordinary dividend payment last year due to a technical problem. Westland is considering whether it will compensate for this missed dividend when it next makes a payment.

Indications are that an ordinary dividend will be paid in the present financial year.

PRIOR HARWIN SECURITIES LTD.



Mr Tony Prior: uncertain Christmas for investors

# Winding up petition for Prior Harwin Securities

By Richard Lander

The Government has continued its clampdown on the City by presenting a petition to wind up Prior Harwin Securities, a licensed securities dealer which was heavily involved in trading shares for the public in the British Gas flotation.

The winding up petition was presented on Monday by the Department of Trade and Industry, which has obtained the appointment of the official receiver as provisional liquidators.

The official receiver, in turn, has appointed a representative of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountants, as special manager until the petition is heard in the High Court on January 28.

Mr Tony Prior, the company's managing director, said the directors could not afford to fight the petition, although he said the petition claimed wrongly that the company was insolvent with a deficit of £90,000.

He added: "The company probably broke even until recently. However, after Big Bang in October we have been highly profitable. We have made in excess of £120,000 trading TSB and British Gas shares, which the DTI has not taken into account, and have £500,000 in the bank."

News of the action surprised other traders in the licensed securities field.

Although it operated in a part of the City renowned for having some "cowboy" operations, Prior Harwin had a clean reputation as a trader of listed shares and smaller over-the-counter stocks. Mr Prior was co-chairman of the OTC practioners' committee.

Prior Harwin was also a member of Fimbra, the self-regulatory organization set up to police non-Stock Exchange dealers under the new Financial Services Act, although Fimbra was apparently not consulted by the DTI before it acted.

Prior Harwin's closure will mean an uncertain Christmas for investors who sold their British Gas shares through the company.

Cheques issued to the public were not being honoured yesterday and a number of *TheTimes* readers who had sent off their British Gas share receipts to Prior Harwin up to a week ago telephoned the newspaper anxiously yesterday.

Unlike Stock Exchange members, licensed dealers are not covered by an investor compensation scheme, although one is being established under the Financial Services Act.

Mr Prior estimated that the firm probably owed 4,000 to 5,000 investors a total of £1.2 million. He said clients had been paid until now "as promptly as is humanly possible".

Prior Harwin was active in the unofficial grey market in British Gas which existed before official stock market dealings opened on December 8.

Unlike many banks and stockbrokers, it was also prepared to deal for applicants before they received their letters of acceptance last week.

Mr Prior said DTI inspectors visited the company in August after it had failed to file its financial reports and took away documents. However, the accounts had now been filed.

A DTI spokeswoman said the department had acted under section 440 of the Companies Act which allows the Secretary of State to present a winding up petition if he believes it to be expedient in the public interest.

## Tip-off 'led to insider inquiry'

By Colin Narbrough

A tip-off by an outsider to the Government in June, linking a civil servant directly to a City stockbroking firm, led to the insider trading investigation at the Department of Trade and Industry, Whitehall sources said yesterday.

The inquiry, announced last week, is into alleged offences involving departments responsible for business competition.

Neither the official nor the firm involved have been publicly identified, but sources suggest that information was passed by a young DTI woman employee to her brother, who works in the City.

It is not yet clear whether the brother was on the staff of the stockbroking firm or had merely supplied the information concerning merger rulings to the broker.

This inside information also appears to have been supplied deliberately to the financial press, probably as part of efforts to mask the source of the leaks.

Market reporters last summer noted an uncanny accuracy in guidance offered by some dealers ahead of key merger announcements.

After a spate of insider dealing revelations that have shaken the City and Wall Street, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said on Thursday that he had named outside inspectors to look into allegations that officials at the DTI, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading had been illegally leaking privileged information.

Whitehall sources have predicted early completion of the investigation, possibly today, but the DTI has officially stonewalled about progress

The two inspectors are duty bound not to disclose details of their work.

The six-month delay in calling in inspectors reflects the Government's concern about its ability to carry out successful prosecutions in alleged cases of insider dealing. But new powers it has taken enable inspectors to demand documents or information under oath from anyone they wish.

Non-compliance can lead to prosecution. Civil servants and journalists enjoy no special immunity.

The Stock Exchange — its computers permit it to indentify almost immediately suspicious share price movements close to merger decisions — is believed to have supplied much of the evidence on which Mr Channon acted.

Insider dealing, outlawed in Britain since 1980, could now become an offence in the Isle of Man.

## Bank runs check on loans' growth

The Bank of England is concerned about the rapid growth in consumer and mortgage lending and plans to make a survey of banks' lending experiences in these sectors, a spokesman for the Bank said yesterday.

In a letter to banks and licensed deposit-taking institutions, Mr Brian Quinn, head of banking supervision, noted high growth in consumer and mortgage lending, and indications that some banks had been more generous in giving credit than in the past.

He said that in these circumstances "gradual deterioration of asset quality may not be easy to detect."

Mr Quinn said a more detailed survey of lending experiences would be taken in the future.

Mr Quinn remarked that some institutions had increased the proportion of a house valuation or the multiples of a borrower's income that they were willing to lend.

## UK set to win more orders from Jordan

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britain is expected to win further orders from Jordan now the power line linking the capital, Amman, with a new power station at Aqaba, has been completed.

The consulting engineering contract for the line has already earned more than £30 million for British industry. The consulting engineer, Ewbank Preece, of Brighton, designed the system and supervised construction.

The Jordanian government is likely to place more orders in Britain when the national grid is upgraded in 1990.

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## MARKET SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

| | |
|---|---|
| New York | |
| Dow Jones | 1917.18 (–9.00) |
| Tokyo | |
| Nikkei Dow | 18808.55 (–16.85) |
| Hong Kong: | |
| Hang Seng | 2501.94 (–1.83) |
| Amsterdam: Gen | 260.7 (–2.7) |
| Sydney: AO | 1464.0 (+3.4) |
| Frankfurt: | |
| Commerzbank | 2043.6 (+7.7) |
| Brussels: | |
| General | 4046.39 (–7.27) |
| Paris: CAC | 408.5 (–2.4) |
| Zurich: SKA Gen | 552.00 (–1.10) |
| London: FT. A | n/a |
| FT. Gilts | 82.96 (+0.7) |

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### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11⅛–11¼%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{11}/_{16}$–$10^{5}/_{16}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds $6^{5}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.53-5.51%*
30-year bonds $102^{1}/_{16}$–$102^{3}/_{16}$*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.4485 | $: £1.4520* |
| £: DM2.8449 | $: DM1.9645* |
| £: SwFr2.3726 | $: SwFr1.6383* |
| £: FFr9.3617 | $: FFr6.4670 |
| £: Yen235.31 | $: Yen162.60 |
| £: Index:88.6 | $: Index:109.6 |
| ECU £0.728331 | SDR £0.83854 |

### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| BT | 215p (+5p) |
| Lucas | 483p (+7p) |
| GEC | 185p (+8p) |
| Royal Insurance | 861p (+9p) |
| Hawker Siddeley | 442p (+9p) |
| FH Tomkins | 287p (+11p) |
| Ward Holdings | 307p (+9p) |
| Portals | 252p (+12p) |
| Bullough | 350p (+10p) |
| Pentland | 500p (+17p) |
| CAP Group | 203p (+7p) |
| GUS 'A' | 1028p (+8p) |
| Gestetner | 199p (+8p) |
| Pearson Group | 588p (+14p) |
| Hambros | 244p (+14p) |
| Kleinwort | 514p (+9p) |
| Reckitt & Colman | 858p (+11p) |

FALLS:

| | |
|---|---|
| BP | 714p (–6p) |
| Hillsdown | 216p (–8p) |
| B Matthews | 272p (–8p) |

Prices are as at 4pm

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $392.75 pm-$389.20
close $389.00-389.50 (£268.50-269.00)
New York:
Comex $389.15-389.65*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) .... pm $17.15 ($17.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

### Biggest bus buyout under privatization

# Eastern snaps up 80% stake

By Alison Eadie

The largest buyout under the Government's privatization programme for the National Bus Company (NBC) was completed yesterday when the management at Eastern National Omnibus Company acquired 80 per cent of the company.

Eastern National, the new name for the company, runs services in Essex, parts of Hertfordshire and North-east London. It operates 526 buses and coaches and has 15 depots. It is expected to be the largest independent bus company in the country after privatization.

Eastern is the twelfth local bus privatization since the programme began in August and is thought to be worth about £5 million. It is the eleventh management buyout. Eastern's operating profit for the year to April 1987 is expected to be about £2 million.

National Bus had a total of 52 local bus subsidiaries and 19 other subsidiaries eligible for privatization.

No prices are being revealed for the buyouts, but the Government will release a total figure when privatization is complete.

The Eastern buyout team is led by Mr Harold Taylor, finance director of the NBC until May this year. Mr Taylor is chairman and finance director of Eastern and is supported by three other directors and seven managers.

The team is taking an initial 80 per cent stake. County Development Capital, a subsidiary of County Bank, is subscribing for the remaining 20 per cent. The management and employee shareholding could rise to 95 per cent depending on performance.

Mr Taylor said: "Our aim is to seek a stock market listing as soon as possble." He added that Eastern would carry on doing what it was best at.

He said there were no plans to expand in leisure, beyond the holiday tours being operated. He said he hoped to expand the contracts from London Regional Transport.

County Development has made almost 250 investments worth more than £100 million. Nearly 80 have been management buy-outs.

**Greyhound Corporation has agreed to sell almost all of the business of Greyhound Lines, its domestic inter-city bus subsidiary, to an investor group led by Mr Fred Currey of Dallas.**

**The price is more than $350 million in cash, securities and royalities.**

**The sale does not include Greyhound Lines of Canada.**

WALL STREET

# Blue chips edge lower

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street share prices eased in moderate early trading yesterday.

A slight rise of 0.6 per cent in November non-defence durable goods orders, confirming the economy's sluggishness, fuelled market pessimism.

IBM continued to lead blue chips lower with another large decline.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.94 to 1,922.24 at one stage when the transport indicator lost 2.30 to 828.61 and the utilities average slipped 0.69 to 211.14. The 65 stocks average fell 1.83 to 750.90.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index declined 0.61 to 248.14 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index slipped 0.29 to 141.73.

IBM fell 1⅝ to 121½ as investors continued to react to the company's announcement last week that 10,000 of its employees had accepted early retirement.

| | Dec 22 | Dec 19 | | Dec 22 | Dec 19 | | Dec 22 | Dec 19 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR | 55% | 56 | Firestone | 28% | 28% | Pfizer | 60% | 61% |
| ASA | 36 | 36% | Fst Chicago | 30½ | 30% | Phelps Dge | 21% | 21% |
| Allied Signal | 42% | 42% | Fst Int Bncp | 53% | 54% | Philip Mrs | 73% | 73 |
| Allied Strs | 67½ | 67½ | Fst Penn C | 9 | 9 | Phillips Pet | 11% | 11% |
| Allis Chlmrs | 2½ | 2¼ | Ford | 57% | 58½ | Polaroid | 67% | 69½ |
| Alcoa | 33% | 34 | FT Wachva | 37% | 37% | PPG Ind | 73% | 75 |
| Amax Inc | 12% | 12½ | GAF Corp | 39 | 39½ | Prctr Gmbl | 80% | 80% |
| Am'rda Hs | 24% | 23% | GTE Corp | 59½ | 59½ | Pb S E & G | 41% | 41 |
| Am Brands | 44% | 44% | Gen Corp | 73% | 74% | Raytheon | 68% | 68% |
| Am Can | 85% | 86% | Gen Dy'mcs | 68 | 69½ | Rynlds Met | 41½ | 42 |
| Am Cynm'd | 80% | 80½ | Gen Electric | 87 | 88½ | Rockwell Int | 47% | 47% |
| Am El Pwr | 28¼ | 28% | Gen Inst | 19½ | 18% | Royal Dutch | 94% | 93% |
| Am Express | 59½ | 59% | Gen Mills | 43% | 44 | Sara Lee | 69% | 69% |
| Am Home | 76% | 76% | Gen Motors | 68¼ | 66% | SFE Sopac | 30% | 30% |
| Am Motors | 3 | 3 | Gn Pb Ut ny | 23% | 23% | Schl'berger | 33 | 34 |
| Am St'nrd | 43% | 43% | Genesco | 3% | 3% | Scott Paper | 62% | 63% |
| Am Teleph | 25½ | 25% | Georgia Pac | 39% | 39¼ | Seagram | 63% | 63% |
| Amoco | 68% | 70 | Gillete | 49% | 50½ | Sears Rbck | 41% | 41½ |
| Armco Steel | 5% | 5% | Goodrich | 45% | 45 | Shell Trans | 56% | 55% |
| Asarco | 14% | 14% | Goodyear | 42 | 41¼ | Singer | 40% | 39% |
| Ashland Oil | 57% | 58% | Gould Inc | 17% | 18 | Smthkln Bk | 91% | 91% |
| At Richfield | 61% | 60½ | Grace | 51% | 52% | Sony | 21% | 22% |
| Avon Prods | 28½ | 28% | Gt Att & Tac | 24% | 23% | Sth Cal Ed | 34% | 35 |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 47 | 47% | Gr'hnd | 30% | 31¼ | S'Wstn Bell | 114% | 114% |
| Bankamer | 15 | 14% | Gruman Cor | 26% | 26% | Std Oil | 50% | 49% |
| Bk of Bston | 42½ | 43 | Gulf & West | 65 | 65% | Sterling Drg | 47 | 46% |
| Bank of NY | 39¼ | 39½ | Heinz H.J. | 42 | 42 | Stevens JP | 39% | 39% |
| Beth Steel | 6¼ | 6½ | Hercules | 52% | 53½ | Sun Comp | 58% | 59% |
| Boeing | 54 | 53½ | H'lett-Pkrd | 43% | 44 | Teledyne | 308% | 310% |
| Bse Cascde | 62% | 63 | Honeywell | 59% | 60½ | Tenneco | 38% | 38% |
| Brden | 47% | 48% | IC Inds | 23% | 22% | Texaco | 36 | 35% |
| Bg Warner | 41% | 41½ | Ingersoll | 57% | 57 | Texas E Cor | 28% | 28% |
| Brist Myers | 82% | 82% | Inland Steel | 19% | 19 | Texas Inst | 120% | 121½ |
| BP | 42 | 40% | IBM | 123½ | 125¼ | Texas Utils | 32½ | 32½ |
| Burl'ton Ind | 44½ | 43 | INCO | 12 | 12 | Textron | 65% | 66 |
| Burl'ton Ntn | 57½ | 58 | Int Paper | 75 | 74¼ | Travlrs Cor | 45% | 45% |
| Brunswick | 33% | 34 | Int Tel Tel | 53% | 52½ | TRW Inc | 91% | 93 |
| Cmpbell Sp | 60% | 61½ | Irving Bank | 48 | 48% | UAL Inc | 57% | 58% |
| Can Pacific | 12½ | 12½ | Jhnsn & Jhn | 67 | 68% | Unilever NV | 236% | 233 |
| Caterpiller | 40% | 41¼ | Kaiser Alum | 13 | 13 | Unisys | 83% | 83% |
| Celanese | 241¼ | 242¼ | Kerr McGee | 29¼ | 28% | Un Carbide | 22% | 22½ |
| Central SW | 35½ | 35 | Kmb'ly Clrk | 83% | 83% | Un Pac Cor | 65% | 64% |
| Champion | 32½ | 32% | K Mart | 46% | 47½ | Utd Brands | 36% | 35% |
| Chase Man | 37% | 37% | Kroger | 29% | 30 | USG Corp | 39% | 40 |
| Chm Bk NY | 43% | 44½ | L.T.V. Corp | 1½ | 1½ | Utd Technol | 47% | 47% |
| Chevron | 46½ | 46 | Litton | 76% | 77 | USX Corp | 21% | 21% |
| Chrysler | 39% | 40 | Lockheed | 50% | 50½ | Unocal | 27% | 27% |
| Citicorp | 54% | 54% | Lucky Strs | 30% | 30% | Jim Walter | 49% | 49% |
| Clark Equip | 20% | 20½ | Man H'nver | 47% | 48% | Wrner Lmbt | 58% | 58% |
| Coca Cola | 39½ | 39¼ | Manville Cp | 1% | 1% | Wells Fargo | 105 | 104 |
| Colgate | 43 | 43¼ | Mapco | 60% | 60% | W'stghse El | 59% | 60 |
| CBS | 129% | 131¼ | Marine Mid | 45% | 46 | Weyerh'ser | 39% | 39% |
| C'mbia Gas | 45¼ | 45½ | Mrt Marietta | 39% | 39% | Whirlpool | 69% | 69% |
| Cmb'tn Eng | 33½ | 33% | Masco | 22 | 28% | Woolworth | 39% | 40% |
| Comwlth Ed | 35½ | 35 | McDonalds | 64 | 65 | Xerox Corp | 62½ | 62 |
| Cons Edis | 47% | 48½ | McDonnell | 76½ | 78½ | Zenith | 21% | 21% |
| Cn Nat Gas | 34 | 34% | Mead | 57% | 57% | | | |
| Cons Power | 16½ | 16% | Merck | 117% | 116% | | | |
| Cntrl Data | 26% | 26% | Mnsta Mng | 117% | 116% | | | |
| Corning Gl | 55% | 56½ | Mobil Oil | 40% | 40% | | | |
| CPC Intl | 80% | 81% | Monsanto | 78 | 78% | | | |
| Crane | 34½ | 34% | Morgan J.P. | 86% | 86% | | | |
| Curtiss Wrt | 54% | 54% | Motorola | 37% | 37% | | | |
| Data Genl. | 31% | 31% | NCR Corp | 47% | 47% | | | |
| Deere | 23% | 23% | NL Indstrs | 5% | 5% | | | |
| Delta Air | 48% | 49% | Nat Distlrs | 45% | 45% | | | |
| Detroit Ed | 17% | 17¼ | Nat Med Ent | 23½ | 23% | | | |
| Digital Eq | 106½ | 106½ | Nat Smcndt | 11% | 11½ | | | |
| Disney | 44½ | 45% | Norfolk Sth | 86 | 86% | | | |
| Dow Chem | 61½ | 61 | NW Bancrp | 39% | 38% | | | |
| Dresser Ind | 19% | 19½ | Occidnt Pet | 28% | 28¼ | | | |
| Duke Power | 47% | 47% | Ogden | 44% | 43½ | | | |
| Du Pont | 87½ | 88 | Olin Corp | 41% | 41% | | | |
| Estm Kodak | 69% | 68½ | Owens-Ill | 50% | 51 | | | |
| Eaton Corp | 76% | 77% | Pac Gas El | 25 | 25 | | | |
| Emerson El | 86% | 87½ | Pan Am | 4½ | 4¼ | | | |
| Emery Air | 11% | 12% | Penney J.C. | 76% | 76% | | | |
| Exxon Corp | 73 | 73 | Pennzoil | 65% | 64% | | | |
| Fed Dpt Sts | 88% | 89 | Pepsico | 26½ | 27½ | | | |

**CANADIAN PRICES**

| | Dec 22 | Dec 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Agnco Eag | 26½ | 26% |
| Alcn Alum | 38% | 38% |
| Algoma Stl | 10% | 11 |
| Can Pacific | 17¼ | 17% |
| Cominco | 13 | 13 |
| Con Bathrst | 30 | 29½ |
| Hkr/Sid Can | 26% | 26% |
| Hdsn B Min | 22% | 23 |
| Imasco | 32% | 32% |
| Imperial Oil | 50% | 49% |
| In Pipe | 38% | 38½ |
| Ryl Trustco | 30 | 30% |
| Seagram | 87 | 86% |
| Steel Co | 18% | 18% |
| Thmsn N 'A' | 30% | 30% |
| Vanty Corp | 2.51 | 2.54 |
| WCT | 12% | 12% |
| Weston | 35% | 35% |

# American banker pleads guilty to insider trading

New York (NYT News Service) – Robert Wilkis, a former investment banker with Lazard Freres, has pleaded guilty in a Federal district court to four charges of insider trading.

Wilkis, aged 37, was accused of swapping tips about pending corporate takeover bids with Dennis Levine and earning more than $2.5 million (£1.75 million) by illegally trading on this information.

He faces a sentence of up to five years in prison on each of the four counts and a fine of $850,000. He is due to be sentenced on February 9.

Wilkis was charged with one count each of securities fraud, mail fraud, tax evasion and failure to report the transfer of $100,000 cash from an offshore account.

He said he had joined the insider trading scheme after being recruited by Levine, whom he had met when both were foreign exchange traders at Citibank in the late 1970s.

Last July, Wilkis settled an insider trading case brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The civil charges accused him of illegally earning about $3 million by trading in more than 50 stocks through offshore banking accounts and swapping inside information with Levine.



Dennis Levine: recruited Wilkis for insider trading

Levine earned millions of dollars on the tips provided by Wilkis, the government alleges, and Mr Levine, in turn, passed some information on to Ivan Boesky, the arbitrageur.

Boesky has settled charges that he earned more than $50 million by trading illegally on inside information.

In a related incident, Mr Randall Cecola, a 25-year-old Harvard Business School student who worked at Lazard Freres as a junior analyst before joining Harvard, pleaded guilty to two criminal charges and settled SEC charges that he had exchanged insider tips with Wilkis.

Cecola admitted to not reporting profits of about $66,000 over two years. He faces a maximum sentence of six years in prison and $500,000 in fines.

The SEC charges, which Cecola settled without admitting or denying guilt, said he had provided inside tips to Wilkis, who worked at Lazard at that time, and had received some from Wilkis about pending takeover transactions.

APPOINTMENTS

# Directorship for Atterton

Marks and Spencer: Dr **David Atterton** has been made a non-executive director.

Lloyd Instruments: Sir **Edwin Nixon** becomes chairman and non-executive director.

Bain Dawes (Anglia): Mr **Julian Currie** is made managing director.

Contec: Mr **Peter Laister** becomes chairman and non-executive director, Mr **Stuart Hallam** deputy chairman and chief executive and Mr **Ted Venables** a deputy chairman.

NFC Distribution Group: Mr **James Gardiner** becomes personnel director and Mr **John Davies** managing director (Alpine Refrigerated Deliveries).

Commercial Union Assurance: Mr **J Carter** and Mr **A Wyand** become directors.

Brown Shipley Mergers & Acquisitions: Sir **Rowland Whitehead** is made managing director.

Simons Construction Group: Mr **Paul Hodgkinson** is made chairman.



Peter Walton

Perry Group: Mr **Peter Walton** becomes group finance director.

WCRS Group: Mr **John McKimmie** is made group development director and Mr **Charles Stern** group finance director.

Willis Faber & Dumas: Mr **RJ Elliott** is made chairman, Mr **MA Hedley** deputy chairman and Mr **JMP Taylor** managing director – aviation; Mr **DJ Martin** chairman, Mr **RM Salter** managing director and Mr **CM Furby** deputy managing director – North American reinsurance; Mr **JH Aarvold**, Mr **E Moss** and Mr **JP Turner** deputy managing directors – oil and gas; Mr **HM Turvill** chairman, Mr **MDT Faber** and Mr **MC White** joint managing directors, Mr **EJS Garrett** and Mr **R H Gayner** deputy managing directors – reinsurance.

Willis Faber & Dumas (UK): Mr **RB Guthrie**, Mr **VC Haslett** and Mr **A Pollard** become directors. Mr **DP Duffy** is made a director (Willis Faber Advisory Services) and Mr **GA Hudson**, Mr **JG McClure** and Mr **DL Smyth** directors (Willis Faber Personal Financial Services).

Lombard Continental: Mr **Andrew Laing** is made deputy general manager, Mr **Philip Condon**, Mr **Robert McCracken** and Mr **Mike Seaby** assistant general managers.

TEMPUS

# Take another look at retail for a good buy

Forecasters with some justificationthat every time they are called upon to look into the crystal ball the outlook is particularly cloudy.

This year, however, the retail analysts can be forgiven for believing that they are looking at a set of circumstances which seems to be more than usually fraught with imponderables.

The starting point for most projections is the immediate past. But 1986 has been a most unusual year, in many ways atypical, and a big disappointment for shareholders in the sector.

The stores sector peaked against the market last April, ironically at the time of the Dixons bid for Woolworth.

Then the prospective sector multiple to March next year was 18.5. Now it has fallen to only 14 compared with a market multiple of 12.6.

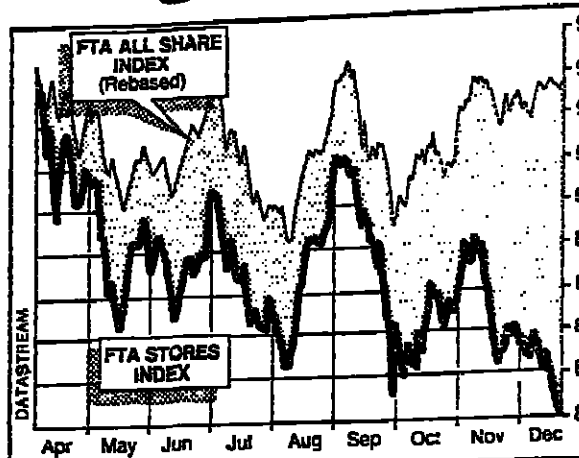
An unprecedented consumer spending boom made this year one of the best ever for retail volume growth. Between 4 and 5 per cent real growth in consumer spending translated into retail volume growth of more than 6 per cent year on year.

Consequently, at the beginning of this year, retail shares looked a good investment. But for the first time the retailers had to come to terms with very low price inflation of only 2 per cent.

This and intense competition in the high street have meant retail turnover gains have been confined to single figures. At the same time, wage inflation has been at the 6 per cent level, while occupancy costs, such as rent and rates, have experienced healthy rises well into double figures.

Even Christmas, the busiest time of the year, is ending on an atypical note.

The multiples did badly in November, mainly due to the weather. The late onset of winter left the retailers with racks of coats and shelves of knitwear, hats, scarves and gloves all unsold.




The first real cold snap coincided with the Christmas rush, making this year's sales more skewed than ever towards the last days of the year.

And the day of the week Christmas falls on this year also makes a difference.

When it falls early in the week, shoppers very often regard the previous Saturday as the last day for buying presents.

If, as this year, it falls on a Thursday, Christmas week becomes a proper week. People are still at work and will still consider additional shopping.

Not until it is all over can a full appraisal be made of just how good it has been. But all the signs point to a record Christmas this year.

Share prices, however, are as much a reflection of future expectations as of past and present indications. So for shareholders, there has been the fear of what might happen next year. Apart from the impending general election, the main fear is that Britain has seen the best of the consumer spending boom.

There are other worries. Sterling is weakening, the balance of payments is deteriorating on the non-oil side, while oil remains uncertain.

And the Government appears to have suspended all serious attempts at financial management of the economy and is concentrating on winning the next election.

The big worry, according to John Richards, stores analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, is that a series of negative influences will hit the stores sector at once next year.

Rather than tax cuts, which will fuel spending further, the Government may see a need to damp spending down as the strains in the economy become more apparent. On the plus side, there is some evidence that wage increases are moderating, but inflation is rising and the positive real income gap is closing.

Consequently, he sees a halving of the rate of growth in consumer spending next year but the big high street multiples will still see more than 4 per cent volume growth as they continue to take business away from their less alert competitors.

Higher inflation of 5 per cent or so will take turnover growth into double figures, making 1987 perhaps a better year than it would seem at first glance.

Mr Richards believes that shares such as Burton, Freeman Next and GUS have above average growth prospects

Certainly, the fall in the sector rating in the last nine months over-discounts the uncertainties of next year. There is now some real value to be had.

COMPANY NEWS

● **FRANK GATES:** The formal offer by Giltrap Holdings (UK) has been posted and remains open until January 9. It values each Gates' share at 120p cash and Gates' capital at £10 million. There is a loan note alternative of 120p a share.

● **NEW COURT TRUST:** Net asset value at November 30 was 613p per ordinary share (after deducting the proposed final dividend).

● **FLEDGELING JAPAN INVESTMENT CO:** Net asset value per share at December 18 was 189 yen (81p).

● **EQUITY CONSORT INVESTMENT TRUST:** Net asset values at November 30 were 481p per ordinary share and 761p per deferred (before deducting proposed interim ordinary dividend).

● **S JEROME & SONS (HOLDINGS):** A subsidiary, CMR Electronics, has won a contract worth about £1.5 million from BP Petroleum Development for the design and supply of the platform telecommunications systems for its southern North Sea gas project.

● **BENCHMARK GROUP:** Conditional agreement for the acquisition of Charlton Seal Dimmock and Co has been signed.

● **SQUIBB CORPN:** A special dividend has been declared of one share of common stock of Westmark International for every five shares of Squibb common stock held at the close of business on Dec 31.

● **AULT & WIBORG GROUP:** Conditional agreement has been reached for the sale of the paint division to Berger, Jenson and Nicholson, a subsidiary of Hoechst (UK), for about £9.2 million in cash of which about £2.9 million will be deferred and receivable over five years. The purchaser is not taking over any of the company's paint-manufacturing activities and so Ault will retain certain property, plant, equipment and current assets with an estimated value of £1.9 million. Ault will also incur redundancy costs of £1.2 million, which will be paid from the proceeds of the disposal.

● **MINET HOLDINGS:** The company has acquired 90 per cent of Continental Underwriters, a privately-owned marine, surplus-lines insurance broker, based in New Orleans, US. Minet is paying $4.57 million (£3.17 million), of which $4.34 million has been paid. This was in cash. The balance is subject to an adjustment of up to $6.22 million, depending on profits. For the year to Sept. 30 last, Continental's pretax profits were $1.7 million and net assets $350,000.

● **MOSS ADVERTISING GROUP:** Total dividend 2p (nil) for the year to Aug. 31. Turnover £8.81 million ($6.07 million). Pretax profit £170,000 (£422,000). Earnings per share 4.08p (7.30p). The board reports that the foundations are now being laid for the future by investment in additional personnel, particularly in the creative sector. This will hold back profits in the short- term, but benefits are expected before the end of the current year. In addition, the group has been active in identifying potential acquisitions and the directors are in talks with a number of parties.

● **NORTHERN AMERICAN TRUST:** The trust has repaid its $10 million loan and borrowed a further $10 million for three months. The trust has also borrowed a further $10 million for one month.

● **BATLEYS:** Interim dividend 0.5p (0.5p), payable on Feb. 26, for the 27 weeks ended Nov. 1 (compared with the 26 weeks ended Dec. 26, 1985). Turnover £112.22 million (£95.26 million). Pretax profit £652,000 (£507,000). Earnings per share 2.72p (2.30p).

● **PORTER CHADBURN:** Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 1p (0.7p), payable on April 7. Turnover £10.88 million (£8.79 million). Pretax profit £347,000 (£85,000). Extraordinary items: works closure and related costs, nil (£569,000 debit). Earnings per share 5.20p (1.63p).

● **HAZLEWOOD FOODS:** A conditional contract has been exchanged for the acquisition of Maharry Holdings for an initial consideration of Ir£3.79 million (£3.61 million). A further price will be payable, depending on the profits of Maharry for the years 1986-87, 1987-8 and 1988-9.

● **CRYSTALATE (HOLDINGS):** Exchange control consent has now been received from the Barbadian authorities and the completion of the acquisition of the Barbadian assets has now taken place. The $1 million (£694,000) retained by Crystalate has been released to TRW.

● **NASH INDUSTRIES:** Total dividend trebled to 1.5p for the year to Sept. 30. Turnover £15.24 million (£17.44 million). Pretax profit £306,000 (£121,000 loss). Earnings per share 5.1p (2.3p loss). The board is considering several proposals on the development of group, which would have a significant impact on potential earnings.

● **GKN:** The company confirms that the sale of GKN Steelstock, its steel stockholding and processing subsidiary, to C Walker and Sons has been approved by the European Coal and Steel Community and that confirmation has been received from the Office of Fair Trading that it will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

● **LAURENCE GOULD:** An approach has been received which may or may not lead to an offer being made for the company.

● **SOUTHWEST RESOURCES:** Six months to Sept. 30. No interim dividend (nil). Turnover £3.86 million (£4.26 million). Pretax profit £775,000 (£1.84 million). No tax (nil). Earnings per share 1.49p (3.55p).

● **AMARI:** The American offshoot, Amari Metals (AMINC), is now the sole owner of All-American Metals (AAMI). AMINC bought the remaining 65 per cent of the common stock and the balance of the preference for $400,000 (£278,000) in cash.

● **AKZO:** The company has acquired the blood bank reagents and immunochemicals business units of Cooper Technicon of the US.

● **SELECTV:** Half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £39,000 (£48,000). Pretax loss £143,000 (£116,000). Loss per share 1.04p (0.84p). The board is considering proposals to ensure the future, including means by which SelecTV can become profitably involved in the reception of satellite-delivered television services.

● **BRINT INVESTMENTS:** The company has purchased a 25 per cent stake in Land and Co, an estate agency in east London and Essex. It has also subscribed for convertible loan stock, which on full conversion, would increase its stake to not less than 35 per cent, depending on profits in 1990 and 1991. After the recent acquisition of Tyndall Group, Brint will be renamed Tyndall Holdings from April 1.

# Demand halts St Gobain on first day

A wave of unmatched buy orders caused the suspension of deals in Saint-Gobain at 350 francs (£36.30p) as its first day's trading started on the Paris Bourse yesterday.

Some 20.16 million shares in the glass and building materials group were offered to the public earlier this month at 310 francs each. It was 14 times oversubscribed.

Individuals were guaranteed that orders for 10 shares or less would be filled entirely, leading to a sharp scaling back of institutional orders to only 1.5 per cent of the shares requested.

# 95% profits jump at Berisfords Group

Pretax profit at Berisfords Group, the Cheshire maker of ribbons and labels, rose by 95 per cent from £130,000 to £254,000 in the six months to September 30.

However, directors said it was unlikely that the full-year total of £900,000, forecast when Allied Textile Companies made an unwelcome bid last May, would be attained. A figure of between £600,000 and £750,000 was more likely, they said.

The results, released yesterday, gave a net interim dividend of 1.9p, up from 1.55p. Turnover advanced from £9,990,000 to £10,430,000. Tax increased from £36,000 to £53,000. This gave a net profit of £201,000, up from £94,000. Bid costs of £286,000 have been treated as extraordinary items.

The group started the year with a healthy order book but the second quarter was difficult in some divisions.

Ribbons were handicapped by the final stages of reorganization but labels performed well. As a result turnover did not achieve the full buoyancy that was expected.

Profits also were held back by higher interest costs.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES**

| | Market rates day's range December 23 | Market rates close December 23 | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N York | 1.4410-1.4505 | 1.4480-1.4490 | 0.38-0.35prem | 1.58-1.41 |
| Montreal | 1.9828-1.9988 | 1.9932-1.9960 | 0.50-0.41prem | 2.72-2.49prem |
| Ams'dam | 3.2050-3.2340 | 3.2124-3.2190 | 1¾-1prem | 4-3¾prem |
| Brussels | 59.05-59.45 | 59.21-59.33 | 19-14prem | 50-41prem |
| C'phgen | 10.7410-10.8300 | 10.7797-10.8017 | 1¾-⅝prem | 2¾-2prem |
| Dublin | 1.0444-1.0537 | 1.0482-1.0492 | 18-29dis | 59-77dis |
| Frankfurt | 2.8370-2.8600 | 2.8449-2.8490 | 1¼-1prem | 4¼-3¾prem |
| Lisbon | 213.99-216.00 | 215.10-215.98 | 102-150dis | 242-338dis |
| Madrid | 192.10-193.55 | 192.58-192.93 | 10-35dis | 20-75dis |
| Milan | 1965.50-1985.25 | 1972.86-1981.47 | 1prm-2dis | 2prem-3dis |
| Oslo | 10.7970-10.8720 | 10.8449-10.8669 | 4¼-5¼dis | 11¾-12¾dis |
| Paris | 9.3200-9.3925 | 9.3573-9.3754 | 1¾-1prem | 3½-2¾prem |
| St'khlm | 9.9010-9.9555 | 9.9338-9.9552 | 1¾-⅝prem | 3¼-2¾prem |
| Tokyo | 234.05-235.69 | 235.3¾-35.69 | 1¾-1½prem | 4-3¾prem |
| Vienna | 20.05-20.12 | 20.05-20.08 | 9¾-7¾prem | 29½-24¾ prem |
| Zurich | 2.3700-2.4015 | 2.3743-2.3803 | 1½-⅝prem | 3¾-3¾prm |

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.6 (day's range 68.3-68.6).

**OTHER STERLING RATES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 1.7677-1.7748 |
| Australia dollar | 2.1824-2.1863 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5415-0.5455 |
| Brazil cruzado* | 20.9550-21.3370 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7320-0.7420 |
| Finland marka | 7.0005-7.0405 |
| Greece drachma | 201.30-203.30 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 11.2910-11.3010 |
| India rupee | 18.75-18.95 |
| Iraq dinar | n/a |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4225-0.4265 |
| Malaysia dollar | 3.7588-3.7659 |
| Mexico peso | 1270.0-1340.0 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.7590-2.7715 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.3915-5.4315 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.1707-3.1759 |
| South Africa rand | 3.2048-3.2212 |
| U A E dirham | 5.2785-5.3185 |

*Lloyds Bank

**DOLLAR SPOT RATES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.3770-1.3800 |
| Singapore | 2.1890-2.1910 |
| Malaysia | 2.5950-2.5980 |
| Australia | 0.6630-0.6637 |
| Canada | 1.3770-1.3800 |
| Sweden | 6.8800-6.8850 |
| Norway | 7.4900-7.5000 |
| Denmark | 7.4700-7.4750 |
| West Germany | 1.9665-1.9680 |
| Switzerland | 1.6400-1.6430 |
| Netherlands | 2.2225-2.2250 |
| France | 6.4650-6.4750 |
| Japan | 162.45-162.55 |
| Italy | 1366.0-1368.0 |
| Belgium(Comm) | 40.95-41.00 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7950-7.7960 |
| Portugal | 148.20-148.50 |
| Spain | 133.00-133.20 |
| Austria | 13.86-13.88 |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

**Base Rates %**
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

**Discount Market Loans %**
Overnight High: 11 Low 10
Week fixed: 10¼

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**

| Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 mnth | 10¾ | 2 mnth | 10% |
| 3 mnth | 10¹¹/16 | 3 mnth | 10% |

**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)**
1 mnth 10¹³/16-10% 2 mnth 10%-10²³/32
3 mnth 10¹¹/16-10²¹/32 6 mnth 10¹¹/16-10%

**Trade Bills (Discount %)**
1 mnth 11⁷/16 2 mnth 11%
3 mnth 11⁵/16 6 mnth 11⁵/16

**Interbank (%)**
Overnight: open 10% close 11½
1 week 10%-10% 6 mnth 11⁵/16-11³/16
1 mnth 11%-11¹/16 9 mnth 11⁵/16-11³/16
3 mnth 11%-11¼ 12 mth 11⁵/16-11³/16

**Local Authority Deposits (%)**
2 days 10½ 7 days 10½
1 mnth 10% 3 mnth 11%
6 mnth 11% 12 mth 11%

**Local Authority Bonds (%)**
1 mnth 11%-11% 2 mnth 11%-11%
3 mnth 11%-11% 6 mnth 11%-11%
9 mnth 11%-11% 12 mth 11%-11

**Sterling CDs (%)**
1 mnth 11¹/16-10¹⁵/16 3 mnth 11%-11%
6 mnth 11³/16-11¹/16 12 mth 11%-11

**Dollar CDs (%)**
1 mnth 6.10-6.00 3 mnth 6.65-6.60
6 mnth 6.30-6.25 12 mth 6.30-6.25

**EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %**

**Dollar**
7 days 6¼-6% call 6%-5¼
3 mnth 6¹¹/16-6⁹/16 1 mnth 6-7% 6 mnth 6⁷/16-6⁵/16
**Deutschmark**
7 days 9¼-9% call 5%-4%
3 mnth 5⁷/16-5⁵/16 1 mnth 6%-6% 6 mnth 5³/16-5¹/16
**French Franc**
7 days 9-8% call 8¼-7%
3 mnth 10-9½ 1 mnth 9%-9% 6 mnth 9%-9%
**Swiss Franc**
7 days 17¼-17 call 1¼-%
1 mnth 6-5%

3 mnth 4¹¹/16-4⁹/16 6 mnth 4%-4%
**Yen**
7 days 6¼-6% call 5-4
3 mnth 4%-4½ 1 mnth 4%-4% 6 mnth 4%-4%

**BULLION**

Gold:$389.00-389.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 387.00-390.00 (£267.00-269.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 91.75-92.75 (£63.25-64.00)
Platinum
$ 475.25 (£327.75)
Silver
$ 5.28-5.30 (£3.64-3.66)

**ECGD**

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 1, 1986 to November 28, 1986 inclusive: 11.248 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| Three Month Sterling | Open | High | Low | Close | Est Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 87 | 88.90 | 88.90 | 88.87 | 88.89 | 783 |
| Jun 87 | 89.26 | 89.26 | 89.25 | 89.23 | 30 |
| Sep 87 | 89.35 | 89.35 | 89.35 | 89.35 | 10 |
| Dec 87 | 89.23 | 89.23 | 89.23 | 89.23 | 5 |
| Mar 88 | 89.00 | 89.00 | 89.00 | 89.00 | 6 |
| Jun 88 | NT | — | — | 88.75 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 14456 | | | | | |
| Three Month Eurodollar | | Previous day's total open interest 21456 | | | |
| Mar 87 | 93.96 | 93.96 | 93.93 | 93.95 | 1283 |
| Jun 87 | 93.97 | 93.97 | 93.95 | 93.97 | 114 |
| Sep 87 | 93.89 | 93.89 | 93.879 | 3.89 | 168 |
| Dec 87 | 93.69 | 93.69 | 93.68 | 93.68 | 8 |
| US Treasury Bond | | Previous day's total open interest 3404 | | | |
| Mar 87 | 99-30 | 100-05 | 99-19 | 100-03 | 1367 |
| Jun 87 | NT | — | — | 99-08 | 0 |
| Sep 87 | NT | — | — | — | 0 |
| Short Gilt | | Previous day's total open interest 212 | | | |
| Dec 86 | NT | — | — | 96-54 | 0 |
| Mar 87 | NT | — | — | 96-58 | 0 |
| Jun 87 | NT | — | — | — | 0 |
| Long Gilt | | Previous day's total open interest 19429 | | | |
| Dec 86 | 110-31 | 110-31 | 110-31 | 111-00 | 4 |
| Mar 87 | 111-08 | 111-12 | 110-22 | 111-06 | 8990 |
| Jun 87 | NT | — | — | 110-10 | 0 |
| Sep 87 | NT | — | — | — | 0 |
| FT-SE 100 | | Previous day's total open interest 3395 | | | |
| Dec 86 | 164.60 | 165.55 | 164.60 | 165.50 | 512 |
| Mar 87 | 167.50 | 168.30 | 167.50 | 168.20 | 244 |

RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Ashtead (122p) | 148 -2 |
| British Gas (50p) | 63½ -1 |
| Cap & Regional (65p) | 66 |
| Daniel S (130p) | 155 |
| Fletcher King (175p) | 178 +2 |
| Gaynor (94p) | 109 |
| Geest (125p) | 170 |
| Glentree (16p) | 51 +1 |
| Gordon Russell (190p) | 207 |
| Guthrie Corp (150p) | 170 |
| Halls Homes & Gdns (95p) | 104 |
| Harmony Leisure (23p) | 27 |
| Hornby (100p) | 100 -3 |
| Hoskyns Gp (128p) | 147 |
| Johnson Fry | 158 +2 |
| Lloyds Chemist (105p) | 132 |
| Logitek (65p) | 57 |
| Lon& Metropolitan (145p) | 168 |
| MIL (144p) | 145 |
| Mezzanine (150p) | 78 |
| Mayborn (102p) | 105 -2 |
| Nobo (152p) | 153 |
| Nothumbrian Fine (60p) | 91 |
| Plum Hldgs (90p) | 113 |
| Spandex (170p) | 237 +1 |
| Sumit (135p) | 136 |
| TSB Chan Isles (70p) | 112 +1 |
| TSB Group (100p) | 72¾ -¾ |
| Virgin (140p) | 133½ +½ |
| Ward Group (97p) | 102 |
| Wilding Office (135p) | 145 +2 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Avon Rubber N/P | 28 |
| Birm Mint N/P | 14 +2 |
| Leisure Inv N/P | 5 -½ |
| Marling N/P | 11 |
| Munton N/P | 4½ -½ |
| New Court N/P | 1¾ |
| Property Tst N/P | ½ |
| Parkdale N/P | 9 |
| Waddington F/P | 208 |
| Walker (Alfred) N/P | |

(Issue price in brackets).

**BASE LENDING RATES**

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN | 11.00% |
| Adam & Company | 11.00% |
| BCCI | 11.00% |
| Citibank Savings† | 12.45% |
| Consolidated Crds | 11.00% |
| Co-operative Bank | 11.00% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 11.00% |
| Hong Kong & Shanghai | 11.00% |
| Lloyds Bank | 11.00% |
| Nat Westminster | 11.00% |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 11.00% |
| TSB | 11.00% |
| Citibank NA | 11.00% |

† Mortgage Base Rate.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 17 | Nov 28 | Feb 19 | Mar 2 |
| Dec 1 | Dec 12 | Mar 5 | Mar 16 |
| Dec 15 | Jan 2 | Mar 19 | Mar 30 |

Call options were taken out on: 23/12/36 Resbrook, Berkeley & Hay Hill, Abaco, Pentos, London Securities, B. Matthews, Amstrad, United Biscuits, Anglo United, GEC, Plessey, British Telecom, Johnson Firth Brown, Lilley, Royal Insurance, JE England, J. Wilkins, Conroy Pets., Bluebird, Irish Distillers, Hawley Leisure, Ramar, Virgin, Ferranti, Cifer, North Kalgurli Mines, Guinness, Sound Diffusion, Britoil, Spring Ram, Combined Technology.
Put: Amstrad.
Put & Call: Amstrad.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Series | Jan | Apr | Jul | Jan | Apr | Jul |
| Allied Lyons (*312) | 280 | 37 | 45 | 52 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| | 300 | 18 | 32 | 44 | 4 | 11 | 17 |
| | 330 | 1½ | 15 | 23 | 20 | 23 | 33 |
| British Gas (*64) | 50 | 14½ | 16½ | 18% | ½ | ¾ | 1 |
| | 60 | 5¼ | 8% | 11 | 1¼ | 2½ | 4 |
| | 70 | % | 3¾ | 5½ | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| BP (*714) | 600 | 120 | 130 | — | 1 | 6 | — |
| | 650 | 70 | 87 | 103 | 1½ | 17 | 23 |
| | 700 | 27 | 42 | 62 | 9 | 35 | 43 |
| Cons Gold (*661) | 550 | 120 | 142 | — | 2 | 6 | — |
| | 600 | 70 | 102 | 115 | 2 | 13 | 18 |
| | 650 | 31 | 65 | 82 | 15 | 25 | 37 |
| Courtaulds (*313) | 260 | 56 | 85 | — | 1 | 1½ | — |
| | 280 | 36 | 45 | 53 | 1½ | 3 | 5 |
| | 300 | 18 | 29 | 39 | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| | 330 | 3 | 13 | 22 | 19 | 22 | 25 |
| Com Union (*264) | 260 | 11 | 19 | 28 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| | 280 | 3 | 11 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 25 |
| | 300 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 38 | 41 | 43 |
| Cable & Wire (*330) | 300 | 34 | 52 | 60 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| | 325 | 13 | 30 | — | 8 | 14 | — |
| | 350 | 2 | 14 | — | 22 | 28 | — |
| | 375 | 1 | — | — | 45 | — | — |
| GEC (*185) | 160 | 26 | 31 | 39 | ½ | 2 | 6 |
| | 180 | 8½ | 16 | 23 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| | 200 | 1¾ | 7 | 13 | 18 | 22 | 26 |
| Grand Met (*456) | 360 | 103 | 108 | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| | 390 | 73 | 78 | — | 1 | 2 | — |
| | 420 | 45 | 53 | 70 | 2 | 8 | 14 |
| | 460 | 14 | 33 | 50 | 14 | 27 | 30 |
| ICI (*1056) | 1000 | 95 | 112 | 137 | 2 | 13 | 17 |
| | 1050 | 52 | 75 | 107 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 25 |
| | 1100 | 18 | 47 | 80 | 27 | 50 | 57 |
| | 1150 | 3 | 26 | 52 | 66 | 80 | 84 |
| Land Sec (*334) | 300 | 35 | 46 | 50 | 1½ | 3 | 8 |
| | 330 | 10 | 28 | [illegible] | 4 | 9 | 15 |
| | 350 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 29 | 29 | 32 |
| Marks & Spen (*176) | 180 | 4 | 15 | 19 | 7 | 11 | 14 |
| | 200 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | 220 | ½ | 2½ | 4 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
| Shell Trans (*979) | 900 | 90 | 105 | 120 | 2 | 14 | 22 |
| | 950 | 43 | 60 | 80 | 6 | 27 | 37 |
| | 1000 | 12 | 30 | 52 | 28 | 50 | 58 |
| Trafalgar House (*269) | 260 | 13 | 22 | 30 | 3 | 8 | 12 |
| | 280 | 3 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 20 | 24 |
| | 300 | ½ | 7 | 12 | 34 | 34 | 36 |
| TSB (*73) | 70 | 5 | 8½ | 12 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | 80 | 1 | 4½ | 6 | 8 | 8½ | 9½ |
| | 90 | ½ | 2 | 2½ | 17½ | 17½ | 18 |

| | Series | Mar | Jun | Sep | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beecham (*439) | 360 | 90 | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| | 390 | 62 | 73 | 80 | 5 | 7 | 11 |
| | 420 | 38 | 50 | 60 | 11 | 19 | 23 |
| | 460 | 13 | 25 | 36 | 30 | 35 | 43 |
| Boots (*228) | 200 | 35 | 40 | — | 1 | 4 | — |
| | 220 | 22 | 25 | 31 | 7 | 12 | 15 |
| | 240 | 9 | 14 | 21 | 17 | 28 | 29 |
| BTR (*269) | 260 | 22 | 31 | 36 | 8 | 11 | 14 |
| | 280 | 13 | 19 | 23 | 17 | 20 | 25 |
| | 300 | 5½ | 10 | — | 33 | 38 | — |
| Bass (*726) | 650 | 93 | 105 | — | 6 | 10 | — |
| | 700 | 55 | 70 | 90 | 10 | 20 | 20 |
| | 750 | 27 | 45 | 65 | 40 | 55 | 60 |
| Blue Circle (*655) | 600 | 77 | 95 | 110 | 6 | 15 | 20 |
| | 650 | 43 | 60 | 75 | 20 | 30 | 35 |
| | 700 | 17 | 28 | 43 | 50 | 57 | 60 |
| De Beers (*755) | 650 | 145 | — | — | 12 | — | — |
| | 700 | 105 | 125 | — | 20 | 33 | — |
| | 750 | 70 | 950 | 115 | 45 | 60 | 70 |
| | 800 | 40 | 70 | 95 | 75 | 90 | 100 |
| Dixons (*309) | 300 | 28 | 40 | 48 | 6 | 14 | 20 |
| | 330 | 13 | 24 | 28 | 26 | 30 | 36 |
| | 360 | 4 | 13 | — | 50 | 54 | — |
| GKN (*263) | 240 | 35 | 40 | 48 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| | 260 | 20 | 27 | 35 | 10 | 14 | 17 |
| | 280 | 10 | 16 | 26 | 19 | 26 | 28 |
| | 300 | 4 | — | — | 37 | — | — |
| Glaxo (*1047) | 900 | 175 | 200 | — | 7 | 18 | — |
| | 950 | 130 | 160 | 195 | 13 | 20 | 24 |
| | 1000 | 95 | 125 | 165 | 22 | 37 | 45 |
| | 1050 | 60 | 95 | 135 | 42 | 58 | 66 |
| Hanson (*189) | 160 | 33 | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| | 180 | 17½ | 23½ | 29 | 4½ | 6½ | 8½ |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Series | Mar | Jun | Sep | Mar | Jun | Sep |
| Hanson (cont) | 200 | 7 | 13 | 18½ | 14½ | 17½ | 19 |
| | 220 | 3 | 7 | — | 32 | 33 | — |
| Jaguar (*519) | 500 | 43 | 57 | 77 | 16 | 22 | 27 |
| | 550 | 13 | 28 | 48 | 38 | 45 | 52 |
| | 600 | 6 | — | — | 63 | — | — |
| Thorn EMI (*465) | 420 | 65 | 77 | — | 2½ | 6 | — |
| | 460 | 35 | 50 | 62 | 14 | 20 | 27 |
| | 500 | 14 | 28 | 38 | 38 | 43 | 52 |
| | 550 | 5 | — | — | 87 | — | — |
| Tesco (*385) | 360 | 40 | 55 | 63 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| | 390 | 20 | 32 | 43 | 18 | 27 | 30 |
| | 420 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 43 | 47 | 50 |

| | Series | Feb | May | Aug | Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brit Aero (*496) | 420 | 85 | 93 | — | 2 | 4 | — |
| | 460 | 48 | 58 | 70 | 5 | 12 | 18 |
| | 500 | 20 | 32 | 43 | 18 | 27 | 35 |
| BAT Inds (*469) | 390 | 86 | 95 | — | 2 | 3 | — |
| | 420 | 60 | 68 | 82 | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| | 460 | 31 | 42 | 57 | 15 | 22 | 28 |
| | 500 | 9 | 23 | 37 | 37 | 45 | 50 |
| Barclays (*507) | 460 | 55 | 65 | 75 | 4 | 13 | 17 |
| | 500 | 23 | 37 | 50 | 15 | 27 | 35 |
| | 550 | 5 | 12 | — | 47 | 55 | — |
| Brit Telecom (*215) | 180 | 38 | 44 | 49 | ½ | 1½ | 4 |
| | 200 | 18 | 27 | 33 | 1½ | 5½ | 9 |
| | 220 | 6 | 13 | 17 | 9 | 12 | 17 |
| Cadbury Schwpps (*184) | 160 | 30 | 34 | 41 | ½ | 2½ | 5 |
| | 180 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| | 200 | 4½ | 9 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 21 |
| Guinness (280) | 280 | 18 | 32 | 35 | 13 | 16 | 24½ |
| | 300 | 10 | 21 | 28 | 28 | 32 | 35 |
| | 330 | 3 | 11 | 17 | 55 | 55 | 57 |
| Ladbroke (*378) | 330 | 55 | 65 | 73 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| | 360 | 30 | 42 | 52 | 6 | 14 | 17 |
| | 390 | 11 | 25 | 35 | 20 | 27 | 30 |
| LASMO (*156) | 130 | 32 | 34 | — | 2 | 4 | — |
| | 140 | 24 | 28 | 33 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| | 160 | 12 | 18 | 23 | 11 | 15 | 18 |
| Midland Bank (*580) | 500 | 92 | 97 | 107 | 3 | 7 | 11 |
| | 550 | 50 | 57 | 67 | 10 | 17 | 25 |
| | 600 | 17 | 24 | 37 | 30 | 40 | 45 |
| P & O (*497) | 460 | 48 | 62 | 73 | 4 | 10 | 15 |
| | 500 | 18 | 33 | 48 | 15 | 28 | 30 |
| | 550 | 5 | 17 | 27 | 57 | 62 | 63 |
| Racal (*181) | 160 | 25 | 33 | 42 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| | 180 | 12 | 21 | 28 | 8 | 12 | 15 |
| | 200 | 3½ | 10 | — | 21 | 24 | — |
| RTZ (*676) | 550 | 142 | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| | 600 | 94 | 112 | — | 6 | 15 | — |
| | 650 | 55 | 72 | 97 | 20 | 25 | 45 |
| | 700 | 28 | 45 | 60 | 45 | 65 | 74 |
| Vaal Reefs (*82) | 70 | 15½ | 21¼ | 23½ | 2¼ | 4½ | 5 |
| | 80 | 9 | 14½ | 16½ | 6 | 8½ | 9½ |
| | 90 | 3¼ | 8 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 15 |

| | Series | Mar | Jun | Sep | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lonrho (*240) | 200 | 44 | 48 | — | 1½ | 4 | — |
| | 220 | 27 | 32 | 37 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| | 240 | 12 | 20 | 24 | 15 | 19 | 24 |
| | 260 | 5 | 10 | — | 29 | 33 | — |

| | Series | Feb | May | Aug | Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£102) | 100 | 4³/16 | 3¹/32 | 3⁷/16 | ½ | 1 | 1¼ |
| | 102 | 1¹³/16 | 2 | 2¾ | 1 | 2⁵/16 | 2¼ |
| | 104 | ⅝ | 1 | — | 2¼ | 4⁷/16 | — |
| Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£109) | 104 | 5¼ | 6½ | 7¾ | ½ | 1¼ | 6³/32 |
| | 106 | 4½ | 5³/16 | 6 | 1 | 2⁹/16 | 2¾ |
| | 108 | 2¾ | 4 | 4¾ | 1¾ | 2¾ | 3⁷/16 |
| | 110 | 1½ | 3 | — | 2⁹/16 | 3¾ | — |
| | 112 | 1³/32 | 2¹/32 | — | 4 | 5 | — |
| | 114 | ⁸/32 | 1½ | — | 6¼ | 6⁹/32 | — |

| | Series | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FT-SE Index (*1659) | 1550 | 112 | 123 | — | — | ½ | 2 | — | — |
| | 1575 | 87 | 100 | — | — | ½ | 4 | — | — |
| | 1600 | 60 | 80 | 92 | 100 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 20 |
| | 1625 | 35 | 60 | 75 | 83 | 1 | 12 | 20 | 28 |
| | 1650 | 13 | 43 | 57 | 67 | 7 | 23 | 32 | 38 |
| | 1675 | 2 | 30 | 40 | — | 23 | 33 | 43 | — |
| | 1700 | ½ | — | — | — | 45 | — | — | — |

December 23, 1986. Total contracts 25748. Calls 18886. Puts 6862. FT-SE Index. Calls:879. Puts:301.

*Underlying security price.

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STOCK MARKET

# Dealers brace themselves for GrandMet megabid

**By Michael Clark**

There was talk in the market late yesterday about details of a possible megabid being announced today.

Heading the list of likely candidates was, naturally enough, **Grand Metropolitan**, the leisure, brewing and hotels group, built by the late Sir Maxwell Joseph and the target of persistent bid talk this year.

Shares of Grand Metropolitan firmed another 1p to 456p, as a meagre 1.3 million shares changed hands, after recovering from an early, 3p fall. At this level, the entire group, which includes the Watney Mann and Truman breweries, is capitalized at more than £4 billion.

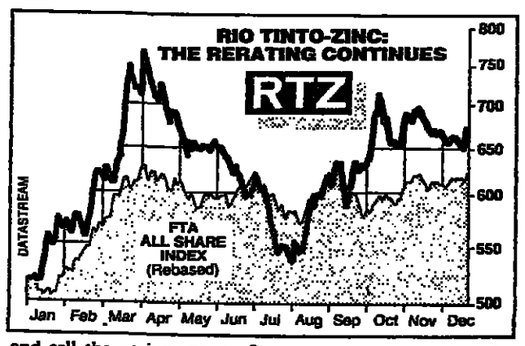
The immediate inclination of most marketmen yesterday was to disregard the talk. Traditionally, trading on the shortened Christmas Eve session is a formality with turnover minimal and the bulk of it concluded within the first 10 minutes. But dealers have decided to take nothing for granted this year.

They are only aware that a number of stake-building exercises have been attempted with GrandMet — with the names of the Australian entrepreneur, Mr Alan Bond and the financier, Mr Charles Knapp, both being mentioned.

There has been intense speculation recently that the *two men had got together* and formed a consortium with the finance to bid for GrandMet and sell the various parts of the business.

Speculation has also been fuelled by reports that Schroders, the merchant bank, has been a big buyer of the shares.

But the majority of marketmen are convinced that the group's sheer size remains its best form of defence and that a bid for the company in the near future is *unlikely. One unconvinced* dealer commented last night: "Only time will tell."




**● Matching buyers with sellers is the name of the game in the wake of Big Bang. So full marks to the *broker who bought* 2.3 million shares in Trafalgar House at 260p yesterday and sold them later in the day at 268p. He made a profit of £184,000. Trafalgar closed 9p higher at 269p.**

The rest of the equity market managed to maintain the strong start to the new, long three-week Christmas account and hopes are that the rally will continue when trading resumes this morning.

The FT index of top 30 shares finished 8.6 points up at 1,294.7, while its broader-based counterpart, the FT-SE 100 ended at its highest level of the day, 8.7 higher at 1,660.9.

Government securities remained in the doldrums after the latest and disappointing set of trade figures. However, some of the earlier falls were recovered and prices closed narrowly mixed in thin trade.

Turnover in **British Gas** was 67 million shares — way below recent levels — as the price price finished ½p lower at 64p.

**Rio Tinto-Zinc**, the mining finance group, paused for breath after its recent exertions — finishing 3p lower at 676p — with turnover restricted to just 80,000 shares. But the price is still 24p up on the week and appears to have shaken off the doubts which existed in the summer when it drifted close to its "low" for the year of 513p.

Analysts claim that the shares are now enjoying something of a re-rating, helped by the firmer trend in oil prices. Despite the certainty that a large fall in profits will be suffered in 1986 because of weak energy prices for most of the year, Mr Euan Worthington, an analyst with L Messel the broker, has just changed his recommendation from a "hold" to a "buy."

He expects pretax profits, due out in April, to show a fall from £717 million to £625 million, but says that they should recover to £675 million next year, helped by RTZ's strong chemicals operation.

**● Recent takeover speculation at Consolidated Gold Fields, where Mr *Harry Oppenheim* holds a 28.8 per cent stake, shows signs of boiling over. Dealers have reported that some speculators have started unwinding their positions before Christmas. The result was that the shares dipped 11p to 661p yesterday.**

The oil sector came in for profit-taking after Monday's *sharp gains stemming from* the news that the Opec oil ministers had agreed to reduce output during the first six months of 1987 to 15.8 million barrels a day. The move was designed to push up the price of crude oil on world markets and had an almost immediate effect.

On Monday, the price briefly touched $18 a barrel and yesterday the price of Brent crude (for March delivery) traded at $16.70.

Mr Philip Kapadia, an oil analyst with Raphael Zorn the broker, has just returned from the Opec meeting in Geneva. He says that Opec will be happy to see the price trade at $18 a barrel throughout the winter, slipping to between $16 and $17 in the summer.

Among the majors, **BP** eased 6p to 714p, **Shell** 4p to 979p, **Ultramar** 2p to 158p, **Britoil** 1.5p to 168.5p and **Enterprise** 2p to 178p. Moving against the trend, **Burmah** firmed 3p to 373p.

**British Telecom** responded with a 6p rise to 216p after an article in this column yesterday. The shares have been a weak market this year, with the threat of re-nationalization if the Labour Party is returned to power at the next General Election weighing heavily. But the recent return to popularity by the Government in the latest opinion polls has prompted renewed support for the shares.

Labour is committed to buying back investors' shares at the original flotation price of 130p or issuing Government bonds with no voting rights.

**Pearson**, publisher of *The Financial Times* and Penguin books and owner of the Lazard Bros merchant bank, was a firm market, climbing 15p to 591p — just 16p below the high for the year — on renewed bid speculation.

Yesterday its merchant bank, Lazard, placed 8.5 million shares with various institutions at 538p. They were issued to help finance the Nal acquisition.

There was some talk of a big American buyer waiting in the wings. Hoare Govett the broker, was a buyer of the shares and was, at one stage, bidding 2p above the rest of the market for stock.

Last week, one mysterious overseas buyer was bidding 575p a share for more than 6 million shares outside the market, but was believed to have been turned away empty-handed.

Hutchinson Whampoa, the Far Eastern trading group, has a near-5 per cent stake in the group and was recently keen to increase it to nearly 30 per cent, but met resistance from the Pearson board.

## ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div pence | Yld % | P/E | Volume traded '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 383 | 283 | Allied-Lyons | 308 | 313 | -2 | 14.5 | 4.7 | 14.2 | 683 |
| 174 | 126 | ASDA-MFI | 148 | 152 | -2 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 16.4 | 1,300 |
| 455 | 375 | BET | 438 | 443 | +3 | 24.3 [ | 5.5 | 16.0 | 166 |
| 330 | 241 | BTR | 266 | 271 | -2 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 18.7 | 974 |
| 491 | 361 | BAT | 465 | 470 | -3 | 18.4 | 3.9 | 12.2 | 719 |
| 572 | 449 | Barclays | 503 | 510 | .. | 28.1 | 5.5 | 7.3 | 926 |
| 840 | 625 | Bass | 722 | 732 | +2 | 24.3 | 3.3 | 12.9 | 232 |
| 450 | 356 | Beecham | 437 | 442 | +2 | 17.1 | 3.9 | 18.3 | 1,100 |
| 726 | 526 | Blue Circle | 662 | 667 | +2 | 30.0 | 4.6 | 9.3 | 1,900 |
| 383 | 293 | BOC | 363 | 366 | +3 | 15.4 | 4.2 | 14.2 | 303 |
| 289 | 170 | Boots | 226 | 229 | +1 | 10.6 | 4.6 | 14.9 | 1,200 |
| 608 | 423 | Br Aerospace | 493 | 498 | +3 | 23.4 | 4.7 | 10.4 | 820 |
| 65¾ | 61 | Br Gas | 64 | 65 | +½ | 9.3 | 14.3 | .. | 57,000 |
| 720 | 530 | Br Petroleum | 713 | 718 | -4 | 48.6 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 3,100 |
| 280 | 177½ | Br Telecom | 214 | 217 | +6 | 11.2 | 5.2 | 12.6 | 8,500 |
| 193 | 98 | Britoil | 168 | 170 | -1 | 9.3 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 2,000 |
| 354 | 256 | Burton | 272 | 276 | +4 | 8.1 | 3.0 | 15.4 | 1,500 |
| 369 | 277 | Cable & Wireless | 325 | 332 | -3 | 7.2 | 2.2 | 18.0 | 1,900 |
| 196 | 158 | Cadbury Schweppes | 182 | 185 | +1 | 8.7 | 4.7 | 21.5 | 729 |
| 564 | 426 | Coats Viyella | 468 | 472 | +3 | 17.9 | 3.8 | 14.0 | 1,200 |
| 336 | 257 | Com Union | 262 | 265 | .. | 17.4 | 6.6 | .. | 536 |
| 704 | 409 | Cons Goldfields | 657 | 664 | -11 | 35.0 | 5.3 | 18.9 | 297 |
| 330 | 252 | Courtaulds | 312 | 315 | +3 | 10.2 | 3.2 | 10.6 | 490 |
| 290 | 201 | Dee Corp | 205 | 210 | +6 | 10.5 | 5.1 | 16.8 | 3,000 |
| 438 | 218½ | Dixons Grp | 309 | 313 | +2 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 22.1 | 1,300 |
| 550 | 408 | Fisons | 532 | 537 | -1 | 8.4 | 1.6 | 23.8 | 149 |
| 954 | 701 | Gen Accident | 793 | 800 | -2 | 34.3 | 4.3 | 20.0 | 127 |
| 226 | 158 | GEC | 182 | 186 | +7 | 8.3 | 3.4 | 11.5 | 7,700 |
| 11½ | 756½ | Glaxo | 10⅝ | 10½ | .. | 20.0 | 1.9 | 21.8 | 809 |
| 481 | 328 | Grand Met | 453 | 458 | +1 | 14.6 | 3.2 | 13.1 | 1,300 |
| 11½ | 721 | GUS 'A | 10¼ | 10⅝ | +⅛ | 30.0 | 2.9 | 14.4 | 214 |
| 774 | 720 | GRE | 763 | 770 | -2 | 42.5 | 5.5 | 22.2 | 82 |
| 385 | 235 | G(KN | 261 | 264 | .. | 17.9 | 6.8 | 8.8 | 687 |
| 355 | 274 | Guinness | 278 | 283 | -2 | 11.6 | 4.1 | 10.7 | 2,200 |
| 215½ | 141 | Hanson | 189 | 191 | +6 | 6.1 | 3.2 | 12.1 | 10,000 |
| 623 | 403 | Hawker Siddeley | 440 | 446 | +10 | 21.4 | 4.8 | 9.8 | 324 |
| 11⅛ | 734 | Imp Chem Ind | 10⅝ | 10⅞ | .. | 48.6 | 4.5 | 12.1 | 1,500 |
| 583 | 335 | Jaguar | 515 | 520 | +2 | 12.7 | 2.5 | 10.7 | 385 |
| 391 | 312 | Ladbroke | 373 | 378 | +3 | 16.8 | 4.5 | 17.9 | 447 |
| 349 | 276 | Land Securities | 332 | 335 | +1 | 14.5 | 4.3 | 22.3 | 283 |
| 288 | 133 | Legal & Gen | 243 | 248 | -2 | 12.3 | 5.0 | 31.3 | 222 |
| 484 | 293 | Lloyds | 433 | 440 | .. | 25.0 | 5.7 | 7.0 | 776 |
| 283 | 183 | Lonhro | 240 | 242 | +6 | 17.1 | 7.1 | 11.9 | 1,900 |
| 231 | 163 | Marks & Spencer | 175 | 176 | -½ | 5.8 | 3.3 | 20.9 | 2,900 |
| 599 | 417 | Midland | 578 | 582 | +3 | 37.1 | 6.4 | 21.5 | 87 |
| 593 | 428 | Nat West | 530 | 532 | +4 | 27.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 1,200 |
| 576 | 428 | P & O Dfrd | 495 | 498 | +4 | 26.4 b | 5.3 | 14.2 | 629 |
| 603 | 383 | Pearson | 590 | 593 | +17 | 15.4 | 2.6 | 19.8 | 4,800 |
| 652 | 315 | Pilkington Bros | 650 | 652 | +1 | 21.4 | 3.3 | 17.2 | 2,100 |
| 248 | 162 | Plessey | 183 | 186 | .. | 7.2 | 3.9 | 13.7 | 1,100 |
| 942 | 718 | Prudential | 798 | 802 | -4 | 38.6 | 4.8 | 52.8 | 660 |
| 234 | 148 | Racal Elect | 180 | 182 | +3 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 19.2 | 1,500 |
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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# The importance of being honest

The fate of Ernest Saunders, chairman and chief executive of Guinness, hangs in the balance. So too does the political future of Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, who despatched Department of Trade and Industry inspectors to the Guinness head office on the morning of December 1, and, to a degree, the ministerial career of Paul Channon, the Secretary of State, who as a member of the Guinness family, has officially stood aside from his department's decision but by the same action, effectively left Guinness at a disadvantage in dialogue with the department and officials within it.

The inspectors' findings, which may not be available for anything up to six months, also have a bearing on the future of Guinness, a major international company now responsible for much of the prosperity of the Scotch whisky industry; the relationships between industrial company and the City of London; and the ethics and attitudes of merchant banks and stockbrokers who advise companies in matters of coporate finance, particularly takeover bids.

cance and potential damage of the Guinness investigation are underlined by the Government's judicious delay in sending the inspectors in until after the British Gas issue had successfully left the stocks.

For the time being, the harsh light of interrogation is focussed on the unbowed head of Ernest Saunders, hero turned villain in the eyes of the media, surrounded by a high fence of lawyers and public relations advisers, and adamant that he has done nothing wrong. So far, Mr. Saunders has been found guilty, if that is the appropriate word, on only three counts.

1. He is overwheeingly ambitous and arrogant in that he believes in his own publicity — the publicity that is, that greeted his success in turning round the ailing Guinness business in four years of hard, unrelenting effort; the acquisition of Arthur Bell; and the take over, after a bitter and protracted battle with Argyll Group, of Distillers (DCL). "Pure Genius" was deemed to apply not only to the latest Guinness advertising campaign. He has ensured that he is the personification of Guinness to-day and in consequence there is nowhere for him to hide, even if he were diposed to do so.

2. He is accused, not without evidence, of breaking his word during the Distillers bid when Guinnes gave undertakings to appoint Sir Thomas Risk, Governor (chairman) of the Bank of Scotland, chairman of the new Guinness-Distillers group, and to move the coproate head office to Scotland.

3. He had dealings with the disgraced American arbitrageur, Ivan Boesky, with whom Guinness entered an agreement, shortly after it had acquired Distillers (and before the true nature of Mr. Boesky's genius had been exposed by the US Securities and Exchange Commission) under which Guinness put $100 million at Mr. Boesky's disposal for stock markert investment.

In the light of what is now known about the Thomas Risk affair and the dealings with Ivan Boesky, which the company had not seen fit to reveal until virtually compelled to do so last week, Ernest Saunders may also be accused of lacking the kind of judgement expected in the head of a large corporation. It is normally a mistake for a major company to have one man as both chairman and chief executive, provided always you can find the right men for each position. In the situation Guinness is now in, the disadvantages of not having a separate chairman are only too apparent. Guinness, since the Risk affair, has appointed five new non-executive directors, each eminent in his own sphere, who with the previous non-executives have power to remove Mr. Saunders. There is no sign yet that they do not accept Mr. Saunders' statement that he has done nothing wrong; but by appointing their own legal advisers - in response to the disclosure of the Boesky deal — they have shifted their ground.

Until the Department of Trade inspectors have completed their report and their findings are known, it would be manifestly wrong to condemn Guinness and Ernest Saunders for the sins rumour and malicious gossip would have you believe both *have committed. Guinness is the* subject of what used to called a Board of Trade inquiry under the Companies Act, with the inspectors having the powers to compel anyone they wish to give evidence conferred by the new Financial Services Act. If the law has been broken, the law will no doubt proceed to exact due and proper penalties.

Mean while it is worth asking what conceivable degree of villainy any company chief executive could have achieved to warrant such acrimony and abuse. Is it possible that there is a conspiracy among the interested, in the City and in Government, to make an example of one big company and a sacrifice of one high profile individual, in the hope that the Government will be seen to have acted decisively against "one of its own" and the City itself, that is certain leading City houses, will themselves avoid the same kind of investigatory light turned on Guinness?

Mr. Howard, for his own political sake and the skins of others, had better be right. Even if he is proved to have had good grounds for sending his inpsectors into Guinness, this inquiry, provided it goes deep enough, will surely find that the inspectors' work cannot, nor, in the name of fairness, should it be, confined to the activities of Guinness during the Distillers war.

Old Smith's almanac

# Life after 8am in 1987: a market-maker's guide

**Many lessons have been learned in the two months since Big Bang, not least that there is life before 8am. In the new competitive era, information is at a premium and the first with it will succeed where others fall by the wayside.**

**No-one can predict the future with any certainty, but the astute market-maker could do worse than enter the following events in his 1987 diary.**

**JANUARY: Mr Richard Branson is given an expanded role in his campaign to clean up Britain. He is put in charge of City regulation.**

**The dollar plunges to new lows after President Reagan admits that he knew about secret US arms sales to the Soviet Union.**

**FEBRUARY: The City grows impatient awaiting for the British Airways' privatization. As a result of fog, the flotation has been diverted to Manchester.**

**Computer problems *dog the* Stock Exchange. Sir Nicholas Goodison is forced to match bargains on his personal computer at home. Several complaints from institutions who find they have bought Pacman and Space Invaders' shares.**

**MARCH: Mr Nigel Lawson's fourth Budget: He announces a 10p-in-the-pound reduction in the basic rate of income tax; the abandonment of monetary targets, and rounds off his Budget speech by pulling large quantities of five pound notes from his despatch box and scattering them around the House of Commons. "No-one can accuse me of being financially irresponsible," he says.**

**APRIL: Panic in the City after an elaborate April Fool's joke goes badly wrong. Men dressed as DTI inspectors call on unsuspecting individuals and read them the insider trading laws. The City of London Police bans these "DTI inspectograms" after several people attempt to leap from the Stock Exchange tower.**

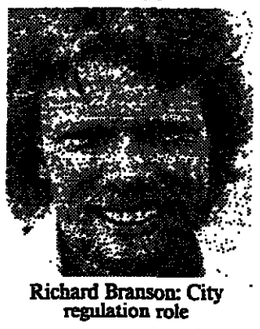
**Unemployment falls again after Lord Young fails to turn up for his restart interview.**



Roy Hattersley: change of direction



Sir Nicholas: homework on personal computer



Richard Branson: City regulation role



Nigel Lawson: scattering fivers in the Commons

**MAY: Mrs Thatcher decides to go to the country. She books a cottage in the Lake District for the second fortnight in August.**

**JUNE: Another spate of takeover activity. Guinness bids for ICI, BTR bids for BP, Ward White bids for Marks and Spencer and Lord Hanson bids for Mr Robert Maxwell's ego.**

**JULY: Mr Roy Hattersley announces significant changes in Labour's plans for the direction of institutional investment.**

**AUGUST: Twenty seven gilt-edged market-makers see the Bank of England on the grounds that the new gilt market is too boring.**

**SEPTEMBER: After sustained pressure from several minor public schools, Oxford University decides to offer a degree course in insider trading. Professor Boesky, the distinguished Harvard academic, is to be the course director.**

**OCTOBER: In one afternoon, Mr Nigel Lawson persuades Mrs Thatcher that the time is ripe to take sterling into the European Monetary System and then single-handedly negotiates a currency deal between Europe, Japan and the United States. And then he wakes up.**

**NOVEMBER: Guinness announces that it is investing in Mr John De Lorean's new venture to make luxury sports cars.**

**DECEMBER: The Government announces the impending privatization of the Bank of England, to be renamed "British Bank."**

**The public is to be offered discount vouchers to be redeemed against every pound coin they use.**

**David Smith**
*Economics Correspondent*

# Champagne leads rush for sparkling wines

**By Derek Harris**
**Industrial Editor**

In the last-minute sales rush *it is turning out to be a* Christmas of the sparkling wines, with champagne as much in increased demand as its cheaper cousins.

Sales of table wines are improving also with a rise of at least 5 per cent in line with the buoyant trend of sparkling wines.

For every two bottles of cheaper sparkling wine one bottle of champagne was sold in the six weeks to December 20, according to Victoria Wine, the Allied-Lyons subsidiary which is one of Britain's two largest off-licence chains.

One bottle of sparkling wine, including champagne, is being sold for every 10 bottles of table wine, said Victoria Wine.

J Sainsbury, with more than 270 stores and still with its main strength in the South of England, reported: "This is a *very good Christmas for* champagne sales.

"A vintage collection has been added to our dry white and pink own-label champagnes and all three are selling particularly well."

At Asda, part of ADG, the biggest concentration of whose 107 stores are in the North, reported sales of its two own-label champagnes to be "very good indeed."

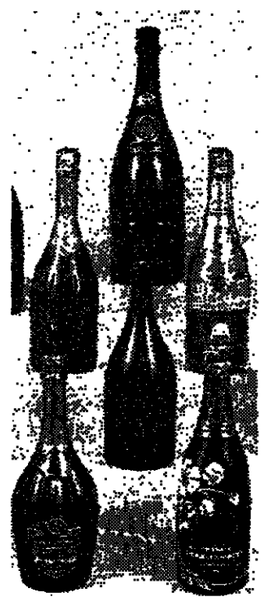
Own-label champagnes at the various chains sell mostly between £7 and £8 a bottle, while Moet et Chandon is £10.99 a bottle at Victoria Wine.

Longer-term trends show sparkling wine including champagne with the steepest sales increases.

In the 12 months to September this sector was up 12.2 per cent, according to the latest analysis of the Wine and Spirit Association.

In the seasonal rush there are signs of big growth in some sectors.

While beer sales overall are still in the doldrums take-home lager sales are up 20 per cent, according to Victoria Wine.



A vintage year with sales of table wines showing a 5% increase

There are also some signs thatthe cocktail boom, still spurred on by mixed drinks like Malibu, Belize and most recently Monterez, may be losing a little of its fashionable edge this Christmas.

What could be stealing more of the limelight are malt whiskies like Glenfiddich, produced by William Grant and Sons and easily this market's leader, Macdonald and Muir's Glenmorangie, Macallan-Glenlivet's The Macallan and Seagram's The *Glenlivet.*

Malt whisky sales are up by a fifth, according to Mr Jim Hughes, market research manager at Victoria Wine.

He said: "It looks as if the experimenters like the yuppies have caught on to malt whisky."

But spirits sales overall, including those of Scotch, have improved by only 1 to 2 per cent, according to trade reports.

Overall, Victoria Wine expects a "good" level of liquor sales throughout the holiday period as people stock up for New Year celebrations, which continue to grow in popularity in the South.

Sherry and port, which were hit by slack sales this year, are winning back lost popularity, according to the Wine and Spirit Association.

But Sainsbury reported a good year overall for sherries and port.

A boom for wine sales in September — boosted by the good weather, was reported by the association.

It found long-term trends were showing a marked improvement, with table wine sales running at an estimated upward trend of 6.5 per cent on the basis of a moving annual total.

In September sparkling wine sales leapt 21.8 per cent, with still table wines up 17.6 per cent.

Sherry and vermouth sales in September were up by a quarter on annual comparison. Port sales also improved.

Fortified wines as a group, covering vermouth, sherries and ports, could by the year end reach the sales levels of last year, despite being 20 per cent or more behind in May, the association said. They improved to a 7.8 per cent lag in September.

Mr Nick Gent, the association's chairman, remains cautious about the final sales levels for this year of wine.

He said: "Pre-Christmas sales are certainly satisfactory, but early reports suggest that wine merchants have not seen a full share in the present retail sales boom.

" We seem unlikely to achieve the full year results for which we had hoped."

# Growth in Swiss GDP 'will slow to 2.1%'

Berne (Reuter) — Growth of Switzerland's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to slow to 2.1 per cent next year after 2.6 per cent this year and 4 per cent in 1985, the government's Commission for *Economic Questions* said yesterday.

The commission said the impetus from lower oil prices would begin to wane and no substitute could be expected from public sector spending, although improved tax revenues and low inflation had created some flexibility.

Domestic demand would continue to support expansion, although its growth would slow to 2.5 per cent from 5 per cent.

Capital spending would rise by 3.75 per cent because of favourable financing conditions and the need for industry to invest to stay competitive.

The commission predicted a 3.6 per cent rise in exports of goods and services against 2.8 per cent this year, while real *imports would grow by* 4.1 per cent after 7.8 per cent.

Receipts of capital from abroad were forecast to fall 2 per cent after a 4.2 per cent decline this year. Capital transfers abroad would rise 1.5 per cent.

The commission said gross national product would grow 1.7 per cent next year, unchanged from the 1986 growth rate and down from the 4 per cent recorded in 1985.

The current account was expected to show a nominal surplus of SwFr14.5 billion (£6.3 billion)

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The further tranche of the Stock will rank for a full six months' interest on 15th May 1987.

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| Japan Sunrise | 94.6 | 101.3 | -1.4 | 0.30 |
| Ryl Europe | 119.4 | 127.0 | +0.3 | 0.00 |
| First Japan | 89.6 | 95.6 | +0.3 | 1.10 |
| First N Amer | 60.4 | 65.4⊕ | +0.4 | 1.10 |
| First Smaller Co's | 67.5 | 71.8 | +0.1 | 2.70 |
| **BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 | | | | |
| 01-623 8000 | | | | |
| Amer Smlr Co Inc | 63.0 | 66.5 | +0.1 | 1.04 |
| Do Accum | 63.0 | 66.5 | +0.1 | 1.04 |
| European Inc | 103.4 | 109.1⊕ | +0.2 | 1.30 |
| Do Accum | 127.5 | 134.5 | +0.3 | 1.30 |
| Fund of Inv Tr Inc | 22.5 | 23.7 | -0.1 | 2.57 |
| Do Accum | 29.8 | 30.4 | -0.1 | 2.57 |
| General Inc | 164.6 | 173.6 | -0.2 | 2.98 |
| Do Accum | 234.5 | 236.9 | -1.1 | 2.98 |
| Gilt Yield Inc | 109.4 | 109.6⊕ | +0.7 | 10.55 |
| Do Accum | 175.2 | 180.5 | +1.1 | 10.55 |
| High Yield Inc | 92.6 | 97.7⊕ | .. | 6.68 |
| Do Accum | 186.0 | 196.3 | -0.1 | 5.09 |
| Int Rec Inc | 105.9 | 111.7⊕ | .. | 1.99 |
| Do Accum | 111.9 | 118.1⊕ | .. | 1.99 |
| Japan Inc | 241.1 | 254.4 | -2.2 | 0.33 |
| Do Accum | 242.8 | 256.2 | -2.2 | 0.33 |
| Japanese Spec Inc | 111.1 | 117.2 | -1.3 | 0.08 |
| Do Accum | 111.5 | 117.6 | -1.3 | 0.08 |
| N American Inc | 50.8 | 53.6⊕ | +0.4 | 0.75 |
| Do Accum | 58.1 | 62.0⊕ | +0.5 | 0.75 |
| Pacific Inc | 141.5 | 149.2 | -0.8 | 0.59 |
| Do Accum | 159.5 | 168.3 | -1.0 | 0.59 |
| Planned Investment | 135.1 | 142.7 | .. | 4.17 |
| Smaller Co's Inc | 87.4 | 92.2⊕ | -0.1 | 1.00 |
| Do Accum | 104.3 | 110.0 | -0.1 | 1.00 |
| Smaller Inc A | | | | |
| UK Equity Gth Inc | 26.9 | 28.4 | -0.1 | 1.01 |
| Do Accum | 44.5 | 47.0 | .. | 1.01 |
| Worldwide Tech Inc | 41.8 | 44.1 | +0.2 | 1.94 |
| Do Accum | 42.1 | 44.4 | +0.2 | 1.94 |
| KB High Yield Inc | 131.7 | 138.9⊕ | +0.2 | 5.61 |
| Do Accum | 222.3 | 234.5 | +0.3 | 5.61 |
| **BROWN SHIPLEY** | | | | |
| 8-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath | | | | |
| 0444 458144 | | | | |
| Financial | 131.6 | 140.0 | .. | 2.83 |
| Smaller Co's Acc | 237.0 | 252.1 | .. | .. |
| Do Income | 151.3 | 161.0 | .. | 0.00 |
| High Income | 67.2 | 72.8 | .. | 5.71 |
| Income | 76.6 | 83.0 | .. | 4.71 |
| Man Portfolio Inc | 53.6 | 57.8 | .. | 2.97 |
| Do Acc | 107.3 | 114.2 | .. | .. |
| North American | 55.8 | 59.7⊕ | .. | 1.47 |
| Orient | 87.1 | 93.1 | .. | 0.33 |
| **BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT | | | | |
| 01-588 2868 | | | | |
| Fellowship Inc | 51.2 | 54.5 | -0.5 | 1.45 |
| General Inc (4) | 221.7 | 232.2⊕ | .. | 2.60 |
| Do Accum (4) | 357.0 | 373.9 | .. | 2.60 |
| Income Fund (9) | 103.4 | 108.1 | .. | 5.08 |
| Do Accum (9) | 104.8 | 109.1 | .. | 5.08 |
| Ind Inc (2) | 133.5 | 139.8 | .. | 0.83 |
| Do Accum (2) | 177.6 | 185.8 | .. | 0.83 |
| Smaller Inc (5) | £122.41 | 13.11c | .. | 2.95 |
| Do Accum (5) | £13.21 | 13.96 | .. | 2.85 |
| **CS FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY | | | | |
| 01-242 1148 | | | | |
| CS Japan Fund | 84.4 | 89.8⊕ | -0.9 | 0.56 |
| **CANNON FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB | | | | |
| 01-902 8876 | | | | |
| Growth | 284.7 | 300.8c | -1.5 | 2.95 |
| Income | 238.7 | 358.4c | +0.2 | 4.57 |
| Far East | 244.1 | 258.7 | +4.0 | 0.24 |
| North American | 153.3 | 162.2 | +1.2 | 0.56 |
| Global | 52.5 | 55.6 | +0.4 | 0.85 |
| European | 57.8 | 61.0 | +0.2 | 1.23 |
| Japan | 61.0 | 64.9 | +0.3 | 0.50 |
| **CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ | | | | |
| 01-621 0011 | | | | |
| Capital | 370.2 | 393.9 | -0.4 | 1.79 |
| Income | 293.5 | 301.6 | +1.1 | 4.92 |
| North American | 292.5 | 311.2 | +0.1 | 0.82 |
| **CATER ALLEN** | | | | |
| 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU | | | | |
| 01-623 6314 | | | | |
| Gilt Trust | 88.1 | 94.5 | +1.0 | 12.67 |
| **CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND** | | | | |
| 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ | | | | |
| 01-588 1815 | | | | |
| Inv Fund | 412.6⊕ | | .. | 4.52 |
| Fixed Int | 131.3 | | .. | 10.89 |
| Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 10.60 |
| **CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP | | | | |
| 01-606 6822 | | | | |
| S & C Special Sits | 53.5 | 56.5 | .. | 0.85 |
| **CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND** | | | | |
| 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ | | | | |
| 01-588 1815 | | | | |
| Income | 394.6⊕ | c | .. | 4.84 |
| Accum | £11.19⊕ | c | .. | .. |
| Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 10.75 |
| **CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH | | | | |
| 0800 378388 | | | | |
| Amer Growth | 84.8 | 89.3 | .. | 1.90 |
| Equity High Income | 43.8 | 46.4⊕ | +0.2 | 4.50 |
| European Growth | 31.8 | 33.7 | +0.2 | 2.00 |
| General Equity | 39.8 | 41.1 | +0.2 | 3.50 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int Gth | 27.5 | 29.4 | +0.2 | 9.50 |
| Gilt & Fixed Inc | 23.1 | 24.4⊕ | +0.2 | 9.50 |
| Int Inc Tst | 25.8 | 27.4 | +0.7 | 5.00 |
| Japan Growth | 35.0 | 37.1 | .. | 0.00 |
| Pedigree Gth | 24.2 | 25.7 | +0.2 | 2.50 |
| **COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU | | | | |
| 01-726 1999 | | | | |
| Energy Trust | 49.5 | 52.3 | +0.4 | 4.01 |
| Exint Income | 168.8 | 179.2 | +1.2 | 5.71 |
| Financial | 177.3 | 188.2 | +3.5 | 2.27 |
| Gilt Strategy | 50.7 | 53.5⊕ | .. | 1.56 |
| Growth Investment | 283.3 | 299.8 | +3.1 | 2.56 |
| Income & Growth | 42.9 | 44.4⊕ | +0.2 | 5.06 |
| Japanese Growth | 192.5 | 203.6 | +2.8 | 0.61 |
| Nth Amer Growth | 105.4 | 111.5 | +0.5 | 1.46 |
| Ind Recovery | 116.0 | 122.7 | +0.5 | 2.15 |
| Smaller Co's | 225.0 | 238.2 | +1.1 | 1.28 |
| Global Inc Tst | 61.3 | 64.8⊕ | +0.3 | 5.49 |
| Special Sits Acc | 283.4 | 310.5 | +1.3 | 1.46 |
| **CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES** | | | | |
| Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW | | | | |
| 04862 5033 | | | | |
| High Income Trust | 252.0 | 268.1 | +1.2 | 4.88 |
| Growth Trust | 225.2 | 239.6 | +2.0 | 3.01 |
| American Trust | 128.6 | 136.8c | +3.9 | 0.73 |
| **CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL | | | | |
| 07372 42424 | | | | |
| UK Income | 48.1 | 51.4 | +0.1 | 4.72 |
| UK Growth Accum | 45.5 | 52.9 | +0.1 | 2.41 |
| Do Dist | 49.5 | 52.9 | +0.1 | 2.41 |
| European Growth | 60.6 | 64.8 | +0.3 | 1.86 |
| Pacific Growth | 56.1 | 60.0 | -0.6 | 0.61 |
| **EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh | | | | |
| 031-226 3492 | | | | |
| American Fund | 72.0 | 76.6 | .. | 1.30 |
| Capital Fund | 197.3 | 207.8 | .. | 1.58 |
| Growth & Inc Fund | 131.2 | 139.7 | .. | 1.58 |
| High Dist Fund | 111.5 | 118.7 | .. | 5.68 |
| International Fund | 211.6 | 226.3 | .. | 1.00 |
| Resources Fund | 25.7 | 27.3 | .. | 0.37 |
| Smlr Jap Co's Fnd | 34.8 | 37.0⊕ | .. | .. |
| Tokyo Fund | 168.3 | 179.2 | .. | 0.00 |
| (Ex) Amer (2) | 148.3 | 150.3 | .. | 1.99 |
| (Ex) Japan (3) | 111.7 | 114.7⊕ | .. | 0.16 |
| (Ex) Pacific (4) | 223.5 | 238.5 | .. | 1.27 |
| (Ex) Smaller Jap (4) | 201.5 | 207.0 | .. | 0.10 |
| Eurofund | 29.1 | 31.0 | .. | 3.23 |
| **EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ | | | | |
| 0242 521311 | | | | |
| UK Balanced Inc | 70.8 | 75.1⊕ | +0.7 | 3.15 |
| Do Accum | 72.6 | 77.0⊕ | +0.7 | 3.08 |
| UK Growth Accum | 90.3 | 96.8 | +0.6 | 2.14 |
| UK High Inc Inc | 68.8 | 73.0⊕ | +0.7 | 4.75 |
| N American Accum | 69.1 | 73.7 | +0.8 | 0.72 |
| Far Eastern Accum | 112.3 | 119.8 | -0.1 | 0.85 |
| European Accum | 91.7 | 97.8 | +1.1 | 1.16 |
| UK Gilt & Fi Inc | 82.7 | 88.2⊕ | +0.7 | 9.10 |
| Do Accum | 84.0 | 97.3⊕ | +0.5 | 8.95 |
| **ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LS | | | | |
| 0708-68966 | | | | |
| Endurance | 111.0 | 118.1 | .. | 3.03 |
| **EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION** | | | | |
| 55, Fountain St, Manchester | | | | |
| 061-236 5685 | | | | |
| Equitable Pelican | 76.2 | 81.1 | +1.0 | 3.43 |
| High Income Trust | 75.9 | 80.8⊕ | +0.5 | 5.80 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 49.9 | 53.1 | +0.3 | 8.97 |
| Tst Of Inv Trusts | 73.4 | 78.1 | +0.3 | 1.92 |
| Special Sits Trust | 76.7 | 81.7 | +0.4 | 1.34 |
| Nth Amer Trust | 80.6 | 84.5 | +0.4 | 1.54 |
| Far Eastern Trust | 100.0 | 106.4 | .. | 0.43 |
| Ind Growth | 56.7 | 60.4 | +0.6 | 1.07 |
| **EQUITY & LAW** | | | | |
| St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD | | | | |
| 0203 553231 | | | | |
| UK Growth Accum | 161.4 | 161.0 | +1.9 | 3.29 |
| Do Income | 139.8 | 139.0 | +1.6 | 3.29 |
| Higher Inc Accum | 253.6 | 269.9 | +2.3 | 4.45 |
| Do Income | 200.6 | 213.3 | +1.9 | 4.48 |
| Gilts/Fixed Accum | 95.5 | 100.5 | +0.8 | 9.03 |
| Do Income | 78.1 | 82.3 | +0.6 | 9.03 |
| Nth Amer Tst Accum | 136.3 | 145.4 | +0.5 | 0.66 |
| Far East Tst Accum | 178.5 | 189.6 | -0.7 | 0.07 |
| Euro Tst Accum | 174.6 | 185.7 | +1.3 | 0.76 |
| General Trust | 240.6 | 255.9 | +2.3 | 3.40 |
| **F&C UNIT MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA | | | | |
| 01-623 4680 | | | | |
| US Smaller Co's | 70.7 | 75.3 | -0.4 | 0.22 |
| Capital Fund | 112.7 | 119.9 | +0.1 | 0.24 |
| UK Income Fund | 77.7 | 82.7 | +0.5 | 4.77 |
| Far Eastern Fund | 78.5 | 81.4 | .. | 0.00 |
| Overseas Income | 75.9 | 80.8⊕ | .. | 3.37 |
| Fixed Interest | 54.5 | 58.0⊕ | +0.2 | 9.00 |
| Natural Res Fund | 48.3 | 62.5 | +0.2 | 3.24 |
| European Income | 66.8 | 92.4 | .. | 2.74 |
| Financials Fund | 68.8 | 72.0 | +0.1 | 2.98 |
| Int Income Fund | 48.4 | 51.2 | .. | 1.00 |
| **FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Pitheim End, Dorking, Surrey | | | | |
| 0306 885055 | | | | |
| FP Equity Dist | 199.1 | 211.3⊕ | +0.5 | 2.77 |
| FP Equity Acc | 335.3 | 355.9⊕ | +0.9 | 2.77 |
| FP Fixed Int Dist | 105.2 | 111.9⊕ | +1.4 | 6.42 |
| Do Accum | 124.3 | 132.2⊕ | +1.6 | 6.42 |
| Stewardship Dist | 175.0 | 185.7⊕ | +2.7 | 1.89 |
| Do Accum | 182.2 | 193.4⊕ | +2.7 | 1.89 |
| **FUNDS IN COURT** | | | | |
| Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 | | | | |
| 01-405 4300 | | | | |
| Capital | 369.4 | 370.7 | .. | 2.89 |
| Income Gth Inc | 157.0 | 157.7⊕ | .. | 7.25 |
| *High Yield* | 229.0 | 229.1 | .. | 5.83 |
| **GT UNIT MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 8th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ | | | | |
| 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431 | | | | |
| Amer Special Sits | 61.8 | 65.8 | +0.4 | 1.10 |
| UK Cap Fnd Inc | 101.2 | 107.7 | +1.0 | 2.70 |
| Do Accum | 143.5 | 154.8 | +1.5 | 2.70 |
| Income Fund | 72.0 | 83.0 | +0.2 | 6.00 |
| Pension Exempt | 185.4 | 193.2 | +1.0 | 1.70 |
| International | 177.5 | 189.0 | +0.5 | 0.80 |
| US & General | 54.3 | 57.8⊕ | .. | 0.80 |
| Tech & Growth | 81.8 | 86.9 | -0.4 | 0.10 |
| Japan & General | 246.1 | 261.9 | -1.3 | 0.10 |
| Far East & Gen | 122.4 | 130.3⊕ | -1.6 | 0.40 |
| European Fund | 278.7 | 296.5 | +1.2 | 0.30 |
| Germany Fund | 76.0 | 81.2 | +0.3 | 0.40 |
| Ind Inc Fund | 51.0 | 54.3⊕ | .. | 4.80 |
| **GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP | | | | |
| 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5768 Dealing 01-623 5936 | | | | |
| American Trust | 85.9 | 91.2 | +0.4 | 0.55 |
| Australian Trust | 27.9 | 29.2 | +0.4 | 0.13 |
| British Tst Accum | 63.5 | 67.4 | +0.7 | 1.77 |
| Do Dist | 55.0 | 58.4 | +0.6 | 1.77 |
| Commodity Share | 74.1 | 78.7⊕ | +0.4 | 1.76 |
| European Trust | 57.6 | 61.2 | +0.5 | 0.81 |
| Extra Income Trust | 50.3 | 53.4 | +0.2 | 5.01 |
| Far Eastern Trust | 149.2 | 158.4 | -1.6 | 0.00 |
| Fixed Interest Fund | 25.5 | 27.1 | -0.1 | 10.56 |
| Int Fixed Int Tst | 24.5 | 26.0⊕ | +0.2 | 10.07 |
| Global Fund Accm | 187.5 | 199.2 | +0.4 | 0.30 |
| Do Dist | 178.5 | 189.4 | +0.6 | 0.30 |
| Gold Share Trust | 16.3 | 18.0⊕ | .. | 1.32 |
| Hedged American | 31.6 | 33.5⊕ | +0.4 | 0.59 |
| High Income Trust | 147.3 | 156.5 | +0.5 | 5.53 |
| Hong Kong Trust | 39.8 | 41.0 | +0.6 | 1.20 |
| Income Fund | 78.9 | 84.8 | +0.3 | 3.02 |
| Insurance Agencies | £90.27 | 52.16c | +0.47 | 2.00 |
| Japan Trust | 137.1 | 145.5 | -1.7 | 0.00 |
| Managed Exempt | £92.12 | 271.1 | +1.4 | 2.00 |
| Oil & Energy Trust | 37.7 | 40.0 | +0.6 | 2.50 |
| Special Sits Trust | 99.9 | 106.0 | +0.6 | 0.81 |
| UK Smlr C's Rec Tst | 76.0 | 80.7 | +0.1 | 0.72 |
| **GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA | | | | |
| 01-588 5620 | | | | |
| Intl Growth | 67.1 | 92.6⊕ | .. | 1.14 |
| American Growth | 67.8 | 72.1 | .. | 0.00 |
| American Trust | 72.6 | 77.2 | .. | 4.48 |
| European Growth | 242.2 | 257.6 | .. | 0.43 |
| Gold & Minerals | 47.5 | 50.8 | .. | 0.58 |
| Japan Growth | 158.2 | 169.3c | .. | .. |
| **GRE UNIT MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN | | | | |
| 01-588 9303 | | | | |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 111.6 | 118.2 | +0.5 | 9.81 |
| Growth Equity | 193.7 | 210.2⊕ | -0.3 | 2.89 |
| Guaranty | 275.6 | 295.3 | .. | 2.89 |
| N American | 146.0 | 154.6 | -0.1 | 1.36 |
| Pacific | 268.2 | 283.9 | +2.7 | 0.09 |
| Property Share | 276.7 | 291.8 | -0.1 | 1.36 |
| Smaller Companies | 191.3 | 202.7 | +0.1 | 1.36 |
| European Trust | 278.2 | 292.3⊕ | +0.8 | 0.96 |
| **GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. | | | | |
| 01-623 9333 | | | | |
| High Income | 51.3 | 55.1 | +0.4 | 6.43 |
| N Amer Trust | 114.7 | 122.1 | +0.6 | 0.76 |
| Recovery | 236.3 | 251.4 | +1.1 | 2.00 |
| Gilt Trust | 36.6 | 37.9⊕ | +0.3 | 9.55 |
| St Vincent Inc | 98.7 | 104.4 | +0.5 | 1.20 |
| St Vincent US Gth | 73.2 | 78.2 | +0.5 | 0.76 |
| Temple Bar Sm Co's | 187.1 | 197.4c | .. | 3.42 |
| Euro Gth Tst | 48.4 | 51.3 | +0.1 | 0.90 |
| **HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. | | | | |
| Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916 | | | | |
| Hambros Smlr Co's | 137.8 | 146.2 | +0.6 | 1.77 |
| Hambros N Amer | 98.2 | 70.2⊕ | +0.4 | 0.58 |
| Hambros Jap & FE | 128.3 | 137.5 | +0.7 | 0.44 |
| Hambros Selandn | 81.9 | 86.9 | -0.1 | 0.81 |
| Hambros European | 105.9 | 115.5 | -0.3 | 0.80 |
| Hambros Canadian | 50.1 | 53.2 | .. | 1.22 |
| Hambros Equity Inc | 90.1 | 91.4⊕ | +0.4 | 4.78 |
| Hambros High Inc | 90.1 | 95.6 | +0.3 | 5.49 |
| Hambros Res Assets | 63.1 | 67.1 | +0.3 | 1.89 |
| Hambros Ind Sits | 58.8 | 60.3 | +0.7 | 0.83 |
| Balanced Gth Inc | 44.4 | 47.2 | -0.5 | 1.40 |
| Do Accum | 45.3 | 48.2 | -0.5 | .. |
| Income Gth Inc | 40.3 | 42.8⊕ | -0.9 | 6.30 |
| Do Accum | 43.1 | 45.9⊕ | -1.1 | .. |
| Service Co's Inc | 51.3 | 54.5 | -0.7 | 1.00 |
| Do Accum | 51.3 | 54.5 | -0.7 | .. |
| **FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD** | | | | |
| River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY | | | | |
| 0732 361144 | | | | |
| American | 107.4 | 114.9 | +1.1 | 0.77 |
| Amer Equity Income | 36.2 | 37.7 | +0.1 | 4.50 |
| Amer Special Sits | 54.6 | 58.4 | .. | 0.21 |
| Australia | 34.1 | 36.1 | +0.2 | 0.00 |
| European | 48.6 | 51.5 | +0.2 | 0.00 |
| Far East Inc | 36.6 | 38.8⊕ | -0.5 | 3.97 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 26.5 | 28.7 | .. | 8.90 |
| Growth & Income | 95.3 | 102.0⊕ | -0.6 | 4.75 |
| Japan Special Sits | 39.9 | 42.4 | +0.2 | .. |
| Japan | 74.3 | 78.4 | +2.4 | 1.21 |
| Managed Int | 143.5 | 153.5 | +0.9 | 0.24 |
| Max Income Equity | 83.1 | 88.8⊕ | -0.4 | 5.12 |
| Professional Gth | 33.0 | 35.3 | -0.3 | 2.41 |
| South East Asia | 43.6 | 46.2 | +0.6 | 0.61 |
| Special Sits | 171.2 | 183.2 | -1.2 | 0.51 |
| **FLEMING (ROBERT)** | | | | |
| 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN | | | | |
| 01-638 5858 | | | | |
| American Exempt | £365.5 | 371.8 | .. | 1.42 |
| Japan Exempt | £486.7 | 475.1 | .. | 0.71 |
| Am Property Tst | $10000.0 | c | .. | 5.00 |
| Property Trust | £2023.0 | | .. | 5.80 |
| **FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ | | | | |
| 01-628 5181 | | | | |
| Amer & Gen Inc | 210.8 | 223.0 | -1.8 | .. |
| Do Accum | 224.0 | 237.0 | -1.9 | 1.26 |
| Amer Tturnrnd Inc | 204.0 | 215.8 | -1.7 | 1.26 |
| Do Accum | 211.6 | 223.8 | -1.8 | 1.26 |
| Capital Tst Inc | 204.6 | 216.4 | +1.4 | 2.23 |
| Do Accum | 240.2 | 254.0 | +1.6 | 2.23 |
| Conv & Gilt Inc | 88.0 | 93.0⊕ | +0.4 | 5.32 |
| Do Accum | 119.4 | 126.2⊕ | +0.4 | 5.32 |
| Exmr Inc Tst Inc | 166.0 | 176.6 | +0.6 | 4.55 |
| Do Accum | 183.8 | 195.6 | +0.7 | 4.55 |
| Income Trust | 121.6 | 128.6⊕ | +0.6 | 4.09 |
| Do Accum | 129.4 | 136.8⊕ | +0.4 | 4.09 |
| Int Growth Fd Inc | 162.4 | 171.8 | -0.2 | .. |
| Do Accum | 162.4 | 171.8 | -0.2 | .. |
| Japan & Gen Inc | 95.0 | 100.4 | -0.6 | 0.07 |
| Do Accum | 96.0 | 101.4 | -0.7 | 0.07 |
| Monthly Income Fd | 85.0 | 90.8⊕ | +0.6 | 4.86 |
| Recovery | 144.5 | 152.8 | +0.7 | 1.46 |
| Do Accum | 199.0 | 198.2 | .. | 1.46 |
| European Inc | 68.2 | 72.0 | +0.2 | 0.81 |
| Do Accum | 68.2 | 72.0 | +0.2 | 0.81 |
| Financial Inc | 48.4 | 51.2 | .. | 1.00 |
| Do Accum | 48.4 | 51.2 | .. | 1.00 |
| **FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Pitheim End, Dorking, Surrey | | | | |
| 0306 885055 | | | | |
| FP Equity Dist | 199.1 | 211.3⊕ | +0.5 | 2.77 |
| FP Equity Acc | 335.3 | 355.9⊕ | +0.9 | 2.77 |
| FP Fixed Int Dist | 105.2 | 111.9⊕ | +1.4 | 6.42 |
| Do Accum | 124.3 | 132.2⊕ | +1.6 | 6.42 |
| Stewardship Dist | 175.0 | 185.7

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Rally continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end January 9. §Contango day January 12. Settlement day January 19. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

## Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nat West | Banks,Discount | |
| 2 | Assoc Paper | Paper,Printing | |
| 3 | Barr & WA 'A' | Leisure | |
| 4 | Hanover Druce | Property | |
| 5 | Beale (John) | Textiles | |
| 6 | Finlan Gp | Building,Roads | |
| 7 | Union | Banks,Discount | |
| 8 | Shandwick | Paper,Printing | |
| 9 | Bank Of Scotland | Banks,Discount | |
| 10 | Hickson | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 11 | Marley | Building,Roads | |
| 12 | Foseco-Minsep | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 13 | Nu-Swift Inds | Industrials L-R | |
| 14 | Trusthouse Forte | Hotels,Caterers | |
| 15 | Asda | Property | |
| 16 | Alexandra W'wear | Industrials A-D | |
| 17 | UEI | Electricals | |
| 18 | Low (Wm) | Foods | |
| 19 | TV-AM | Cinemas,TV | |
| 20 | Camford Eng | Industrials A-D | |
| 21 | Radiant Metal | Industrials L-R | |
| 22 | Westwood Dawes | Industrials S-Z | |
| 23 | McAlpine (Alfred) | Building,Roads | |
| 24 | Greenall Whitley | Breweries | |
| 25 | Laird | Industrials L-R | |
| 26 | Colne Intl | Electricals | |
| 27 | Zetters | Leisure | |
| 28 | ERF | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 29 | Forminster | Drapery,Stores | |
| 30 | Micro Focus | Electricals | |
| 31 | Appleyard | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 32 | Petranol | Oil | |
| 33 | Edbro | Industrials E-K | |
| 34 | Ladbroke | Hotels,Caterers | |
| 35 | Harris (Philip) | Industrials E-K | |
| 36 | Irish Distil | Breweries | |
| 37 | Perry gp | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 38 | Gaskell Broadloom | Textiles | |
| 39 | Kelsey Ind | Industrials E-K | |
| 40 | Amersham | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 41 | Vaux | Breweries | |
| 42 | Davis (Godfrey) | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 43 | Mercury Intl | Banks,Discount | |
| 44 | De La Rue | Industrials A-D | |
| | © Times Newspapers Ltd. | Daily Total | |

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

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## BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

| 1986 High | Low | Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | 93½ | Exch 13¼% 1987 | 100 | ●-⅛ | 13.3 | 10.470 |
| 100⅞ | 93⅛ | Treas 10⅜% 1987 | 99⅝ | .. | 10.3 | 11.326 |
| 98⅝ | 92⅛ | Exch 2½% 1987 | 96⅝ | +⅛ | 2.5 | 9.663 |
| 95⅞ | 95⅛ | Exch 10½% 1987 | 99⅛ | .. | 10.5 | 11.007 |
| 96⅛ | 93⅜ | Fund 6½% 1985-87 | 96⅞ | .. | 6.6 | 10.023 |
| 101⅛ | 95⅞ | Treas 10% 1987 | 99⅛ | -⅛ | 10.1 | 10.695 |
| 97⅛ | 90⅞ | Treas 3% 1987 | 97 | ● .. | 3.1 | 8.671 |
| 104⅞ | 94⅛ | Treas 12% 1987 | 100⅞ | .. | 11.9 | 11.008 |
| 99⅞ | 92⅛ | Treas 7¾% 1985-88 | 97 | ●+⅛ | 8.0 | 10.763 |
| 104⅞ | 95⅛ | Exch 10½% 1988 | 99⅛ | .. | 10.6 | 11.024 |
| 102⅛ | 93⅛ | Treas C9⅞% 1988 | 98⅛ | .. | 9.9 | 11.056 |
| 94⅛ | 88⅛ | Trans 3% 1978-88 | 92⅞● | .. | 3.2 | 8.241 |
| 102⅝ | 92⅛ | Treas 9½% 1988 | 97⅜ | .. | 9.8 | 11.098 |
| 107⅛ | 93⅞ | Treas 11½% 1989 | | .. | 11.4 | 11.058 |
| 105⅛ | 93⅛ | Treas 10½% 1989 | 98⅞ | .. | 10.6 | 11.026 |
| 104½ | 93 | Exch 10% 1989 | 96⅞ | -⅛ | 10.3 | 11.099 |
| 111⅛ | 94⅞ | Exch 10½% 1989 | 100⅛ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 9.978 |
| 107½ | 59⅞ | Exch 11% 1989 | 98⅛ | .. | 11.0 | 11.070 |
| 93⅛ | 84½ | Treas 5% 1986-89 | 89 | .. | 5.6 | 8.570 |
| 103⅛ | 92⅛ | Treas C9½% 1989 | 95⅞ | .. | 9.8 | 11.071 |
| 92 | 82⅛ | Treas 3% 1989 | 89½ | .. | 3.4 | 8.359 |
| 114⅛ | 97⅞ | Treas 13% 1990 | 105⅛● | .. | 12.4 | 10.939 |
| 86⅛ | 76⅞ | Exch 2½% 1990 | 81⅞ | +⅛ | 3.1 | 8.179 |
| 108⅛ | 94⅛ | Exch 11% 1990 | 99⅞ | .. | 11.0 | 11.000 |
| 113⅛ | 100 | Exch 12½% 1990 | 103⅞ | .. | 12.0 | 10.978 |
| 89½ | 79⅞ | Treas 3% 1990 | 84½ | .. | 3.6 | 8.451 |
| 100⅞ | 88⅛ | Treas 8¼% 1987-90 | 93⅛ | .. | 8.9 | 10.719 |
| 108⅛ | 92⅛ | Treas 10% 1990 | 96⅞ | .. | 10.3 | 11.028 |
| 86⅛ | 76⅞ | Exch 2½% 1990 | 81⅛ | +⅛ | 3.1 | 11.013 |
| 98⅛ | 95⅛ | Treas C 10% 1991 | 98⅛● | .. | 10.2 | 9.551 |
| 112⅛ | 95⅞ | Treas 11¾% 1991 | 100⅞ | ●-1½ | 11.7 | 10.504 |
| 94⅛ | 84½ | Fund 5¾% 1987-91 | 87 | .. | 6.6 | 10.659 |
| 110⅛ | 97⅛ | Exch 11% 1991 | 100⅛ | .. | 11.0 | 8.622 |
| 86⅞ | 78⅛ | Treas 3% 1991 | 79⅛ | .. | 3.8 | .. |

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

| 1986 High | Low | Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 118⅜ | 99½ | Treas 12¼% 1992 | 108⅛● | .. | 11.9 | 10.937 |
| 104⅛ | 91⅛ | Treas 10% 1992 | 96⅛ | .. | 10.4 | 10.954 |
| 105⅛ | 92⅛ | Treas C10¼% 1992 | 98⅛ | .. | 10.7 | 10.944 |
| 117⅛ | 100⅞ | Exch 12¼% 1992 | 105⅛ | .. | 11.7 | 11.000 |
| 123⅛ | 102⅛ | Exch 13½% 1992 | 110⅛ | .. | 12.2 | 11.016 |
| 108 | 92⅛ | Treas 10% 1993 | 94 | -2⅛ | 10.6 | 10.826 |
| 121⅛ | 98⅛ | Treas 12½% 1993 | 106⅛● | .. | 11.7 | 10.973 |
| 91⅛ | 79⅛ | Fund 6% 1993 | 83⅛ | .. | 7.3 | 9.836 |
| 128 | 105⅛ | Treas 13¾% 1993 | 112⅛ | .. | 12.2 | 11.007 |
| 133⅛ | 104⅛ | Treas 14½% 1994 | 117⅛ | .. | 12.4 | 10.951 |
| 122⅛ | 97⅛ | Exch 12½% 1994 | 107⅛ | .. | 11.7 | 11.092 |
| 127⅛ | 106⅛ | Exch 13½% 1994 | 111⅛ | .. | 12.1 | 11.080 |
| 103⅛ | 88⅛ | Treas 9% 1994 | 90⅛ | .. | 8.9 | 10.811 |
| 120 | 98 | Treas 12% 1995 | 102 | ●-3⅛ | 11.8 | 11.025 |
| 78⅛ | 71⅛ | Gas 3% 1990-95 | 74⅛ | -⅛ | 4.0 | 7.119 |
| 110⅛ | 90⅛ | Exch 10¼% 1995 | 96⅛● | .. | 10.6 | 10.912 |
| 126 | 102⅛ | Treas 12¾% 1995 | 109⅛ | .. | 11.6 | 10.976 |
| 133⅛ | 108 | Treas 14% 1996 | 116⅛● | .. | 12.0 | 11.105 |
| 103⅛ | 88⅛ | Treas 9% 1992-96 | 90⅛ | .. | 10.0 | 10.689 |
| 142⅛ | 114 | Treas 15¼% 1996 | 122⅛ | -⅛ | 12.3 | 11.104 |
| 130⅛ | 104⅛ | Exch 13¼% 1996 | 113⅛ | +⅛ | 11.7 | 10.927 |
| 84⅛ | 74⅛ | Rdmpt 3% 1986 | 79⅛ | -⅛ | 3.8 | |
| 106⅛ | 88⅛ | Conv 10% 1996 | 94⅛ | +⅛ | 10.6 | 10.876 |
| 131 | 105⅛ | Treas 13¼% 1997 | 113⅛● | .. | 11.7 | 10.965 |
| 112⅛ | 93 | Exch 10½% 1997 | 97⅛ | .. | 10.8 | 10.980 |
| 101⅛ | 79⅛ | Treas 8¾% 1997 | 87⅛ | +⅛ | 10.0 | 10.699 |
| 142⅛ | 118⅛ | Exch 15% 1997 | 123⅛ | .. | 12.1 | 11.151 |
| 88⅛ | 71 | Treas 6¾% 1995-98 | 76⅛ | -⅛ | 8.8 | 10.303 |
| 107⅛ | 87⅛ | Exch 9¾% 1998 | 90⅛ | ●-2⅛ | 10.7 | 10.793 |
| 148⅛ | 122⅛ | Treas 15½% 1998 | 128⅛ | -⅛ | 12.0 | 11.070 |
| 124⅛ | 101⅛ | Exch 12% 1998 | 107⅛ | +⅛ | 11.2 | 10.858 |
| 107⅛ | 85⅛ | Treas 9½% 1999 | 92⅛● | .. | 10.3 | 10.610 |
| 126⅛ | 103⅛ | Exch 12¼% 1999 | 109⅛ | .. | 11.2 | 10.887 |
| 114 | 93⅛ | Treas 10½% 1999 | 98⅛ | +⅛ | 10.6 | 10.678 |
| 112⅛ | 91 | Conv 10¼% 1999 | 95⅛ | .. | 10.6 | 10.718 |
| 133⅛ | 105⅛ | Treas 13% 2000 | 111⅛ | ●-3⅛ | 11.8 | 10.856 |
| 98 | 84⅛ | Conv 9% 2000 | 88⅛ | .. | | 10.500 |
| 111⅛ | 90⅛ | Treas 10% 2001 | 95⅛ | -⅛ | 10.4 | 10.572 |
| 109⅛ | 89 | Conv 9¾% 2001 | 93⅛ | .. | 10.4 | 10.561 |
| 137½ | 110⅛ | Treas 14% 1998-01 | 119 | .. | 11.8 | 11.034 |

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

| 1986 High | Low | Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 111⅛ | 90⅛ | Conv 10% 2002 | 95⅛ | .. | 10.4 | 10.551 |
| 124⅛ | 99⅛ | Exch 12% 1999-02 | 107⅛● | .. | 11.2 | 10.665 |
| 109⅛ | 89⅛ | Treas 9¾% 2002 | 94⅛ | .. | 10.4 | 10.528 |
| 112⅛ | 91⅛ | Treas 10% 2003 | 96⅛ | .. | 10.4 | 10.497 |
| 139⅛ | 110⅛ | Treas 13¾% 2000-03 | 120 | ●+⅛ | 11.5 | 10.920 |
| 129⅛ | 100⅛ | Treas 11½% 2001-04 | 108⅛ | .. | 10.8 | 10.693 |
| 112⅛ | 91⅛ | Treas 10% 2004 | 95⅛ | +⅛ | 10.4 | 10.479 |
| 60⅛ | 47⅛ | Fund 3½% 1999-04 | 50⅛ | ●+⅛ | 6.9 | 9.218 |
| 108⅛ | 87⅛ | Conv 9½% 2004 | 92⅛ | .. | 10.3 | 10.436 |
| 108⅛ | 87⅛ | Conv 9½% 2005 | 92⅛ | +⅛ | 10.2 | 10.420 |
| 117⅛ | 94⅛ | Exch 10½% 2005 | 100⅛ | .. | 10.4 | 10.431 |
| 134⅛ | 108⅛ | Treas 12½% 2003-05 | 114⅛ | .. | 10.9 | 10.677 |
| 95⅛ | 76⅛ | Treas 8% 2002-06 | 81⅛ | +1 | 9.8 | 10.233 |
| 107⅛ | 88⅛ | Conv 9¾% 2006 | 94⅛ | .. | 10.3 | 10.400 |
| 127⅛ | 101⅛ | Treas 11¾% 2003-07 | 105⅛ | ●-3⅛ | 11.1 | 10.546 |
| 94⅛ | 76⅛ | Treas 8½% 2007 | 82 | ●-3⅛ | 10.4 | 10.205 |
| 143⅛ | 113⅛ | Treas 13½% 2004-08 | 123⅛ | .. | 11.0 | 10.560 |
| 95⅛ | 75 | Treas 8% 2009 | 81⅛ | .. | 9.5 | 10.128 |
| 72⅛ | 55⅛ | Treas 5½% 2008-12 | 59⅛ | .. | 9.3 | 9.879 |
| 93⅛ | 73⅛ | Treas 7¾% 2012-15 | 78⅛● | .. | 9.8 | 10.033 |
| 136 | 109⅛ | Exch 12% 2013-17 | 118 | +⅛ | 10.3 | 10.259 |

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| 1986 High | Low | Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46⅛ | 37⅛ | Consols 4% | 39⅛ | -⅛ | 10.1 | — |
| 42 | 32⅛ | War Ln 3½% | 34⅛ | -⅛ | 10.1 | — |
| 52⅛ | 44⅛ | Conv 3½% | 47 | .. | 7.4 | — |
| 34⅛ | 28⅛ | Treas 3% | 29½ | -⅛ | 10.1 | — |
| 29⅛ | 22⅛ | Consols 2½% | 24½● | .. | 10.2 | — |
| 29⅛ | 23⅛ | Treas 2½% | 24⅛ | -⅛ | 10.3 | — |

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| 1986 High | Low | Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 125⅛ | 103⅛ | Treas IL 2% 1988 | 124⅛ | -⅛ | 2.1 | 1.909 |
| 109⅛ | 98⅛ | Treas IL 2% 1990 | 109⅛ | ●+⅛ | 2.1 | 2.727 |
| 122 | 108⅛ | Treas IL 2% 1996 | 118 | .. | 2.4 | 3.854 |
| 107⅛ | 95⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2001 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 3.1 | 3.916 |
| 107⅛ | 93⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2003 | 98⅛ | .. | 3.1 | 3.872 |
| 110⅛ | 96⅛ | Treas IL 2% 2006 | 102⅛● | .. | 2.7 | 3.772 |
| 106⅛ | 92⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2009 | 97⅛ | -⅛ | 3.2 | 3.715 |
| 111⅛ | 97 | Treas IL2½% 2011 | 102⅛ | -⅛ | 3.2 | 3.646 |
| 94⅛ | 78⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2013 | 85⅛ | -⅛ | 3.2 | 3.618 |
| 102⅛ | 87⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2016 | 93 | ●-⅛ | 3.2 | 3.553 |
| 99⅛ | 90⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2016 A | 93⅛● | -⅛ | 2.7 | |
| 104 | 86⅛ | Treas IL2½% 2020 | 88⅛ | -2⅛ | 3.3 | 3.517 |

## BANKS DISCOUNT HP

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 260 | 190 | Allied Irish | 245 | 250 | .. | 9.0b | 3.6 | 7.1 |
| 85 | 70 | Ansbacher (Henry) | 83 | 84 | -½ | | | 43.3 |
| 296 | 185 | Aus New Z | 267 | 271 | -1 | 15.0b | 5.6 | |
| 11¼ | 7¼ | Bankamerica | 10⅝ | | | | | |
| 260 | 171 | Bank Of Ireland | 195 | 200 | | 17.0 | 8.6 | |
| 11½ | 8 | Bank Leumi Israel | 101⅛ | | | | | |
| 250 | 230 | Bank Leumi UK | 240 | 260 | | 1.7 | 0.7 | 11.7 |
| 469 | 377 | Bank Of Scotland | 395 | 397 | +2 | 20.7 | 5.2 | 8.7 |
| 80 | 61 | Bank Of Wales | 68 | 68 | | | | |
| 572 | 449 | Barclays | 507 | 510 | +2 | 28.1 | 5.5 | 7.3 |
| 48 | 32 | Benchmark | 44 | 47 | ● .. | 2.3 | 5.0 | 16.0 |
| 700 | 410 | Brown Shipley | 575 | 590 | ● .. | 13.9 | 2.4 | 27.2 |
| 422 | 288 | Cater Allen | 295 | 300 | ●-5 | 28.9 | 9.7 | 37.3 |
| 58½ | 45½ | Cattles | 51 | 52 | +1 | 2.9 | 5.6 | 14.3 |
| 32½ | 24 | Chase Manhattan | 26 | | ● .. | 13.9 | 5.3 | |
| 42¾ | 33⅛ | Citicorp | 37⅝ | | -¼ | 20.8 | 5.5 | |
| 116 | 86 | Commerzbank | 107 | | | 6.0 | 0.1 | |
| 303½ | 215½ | Deutsche Bank | 286¼ | | -¼ | 20.0 | 4.2 | |
| 34 | 17 | Equity & Gen | 29½ | 30½ | | 1.3 | 4.3 | 28.3 |
| 212 | 148 | First Nat Finance | 198 | 200 | +1 | 6.6 | 3.3 | 12.1 |
| 385 | 240 | Gerrard Nat | 290 | 295 | +2 | 22.1 | 7.5 | |
| 102 | 66 | Guinness Peat | 85 | 87 | ●+2 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 14.3 |
| 315 | 162 | Hambros | 243 | 245 | ●+14 | 10.6n | 4.3 | 9.9 |
| 430 | 325 | Hill Samuel | 387 | 390 | ●+6 | 19.1 | 4.9 | 8.6 |
| 81½ | 55 | Hk Shangai | 80½ | 82 | | 3.3 | 4.0 | |
| 520 | 318 | Joseph (Leopold) | 470 | 485 | ● | 18.2 | 3.8 | 20.1 |
| 196 | 135½ | King & Shaxson | 136 | 140 | -2 | 12.5 | 9.1 | 11.7 |
| 570 | 377 | Kleinwort Benson | 510 | 518 | +6 | 19.0 | 3.7 | 11.2 |
| 484 | 293 | Lloyds | 435 | 438 | | 25.0 | 5.7 | 7.0 |
| 83 | 58 | Lon Scot | 71 | 74 | | 3.7 | 5.1 | 13.9 |
| 428 | 260 | Mercury Intl | 360 | 363 | +2 | 8.8 | 2.4 | |
| 153 | 106 | Do 6% A | 118 | 121 | +2 | 8.6 | 7.2 | |
| 599 | 417 | Midland | 578 | 582 | +3 | 37.1 | 6.4 | 21.5 |
| 516 | 388 | Morgan Grenfell | 380 | 383 | -1 | 12.1 | 3.1 | |
| 321 | 191 | Nat Aust Bk | 264 | 268 | -12 | .. | .. | .. |
| 593 | 426 | Nat West | 530 | 532 | +4 | 27.8 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| 126 | 80 | Ottoman | 126 | | | 8.0 | 4.8 | 9.9 |
| 364 | 258 | Provident | 280 | 283 | +1 | 18.6b | 6.6 | 9.5 |
| 86 | 62 | Rea Bros Gp | 79½ | 83½ | +2 | | | |
| 135 | 116 | Romeskill (J) Hld | 129½ | 130½ | ●+3 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 13.6 |
| 429 | 260 | Royl Bnk Of Scot | 290 | 294 | ● .. | 15.4 | 5.3 | 7.3 |
| 825 | 581 | Schroders | 700 | 715 | -2 | 16.4 | 2.2 | 13.6 |
| 894 | 410 | Stand Chart | 785 | 788 | | 46.4 | 5.9 | 9.7 |
| 818 | 613 | Union | 665 | 670 | +5 | 52.9 | 7.9 | 67.3 |
| 78⅜ | 43⅜ | Wells Fargo | 72⅝ | | +¾ | | | |
| 320 | 220 | Wintrust | 300 | 310 | .. | 7.7 | 2.5 | 15.0 |

## BREWERIES

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 353 | 283 | Allied-Lyons | 310 | 312 | ●-2 | 14.5 | 4.7 | 14.2 |
| 840 | 625 | Bass | 723 | 728 | ●+1 | 24.3 | 3.3 | 12.9 |
| 87½ | 41 | Belhaven | 87 | 88 | ●+1½ | 1.2 | 1.4 | 38.3 |
| 145 | 87 | Boddingtons | 129 | 131 | | 4.8 | 3.7 | 16.4 |
| 686 | 375 | Brown (Matthew) | 565 | 583 | ●+2 | 20.0b | 3.6 | 20.5 |
| 161 | 77 | Buckleys | 157 | 159 | ●-3 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 38.6 |
| 182 | 143 | Bulmer (H P) | 140 | 145 | ●-3 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 14.7 |
| 769 | 410 | Burtonwood Brew | 668 | 675 | ●-3 | 15.4 | 2.3 | 22.4 |
| 515 | 405 | Clark (Matthew) | 435 | 440 | -2 | 11.4 | 2.6 | 16.1 |
| 236 | 128 | Devenish (J A) | 185 | 190 | ●+1 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 18.9 |
| 204 | 185 | Greenall Whitley | 186 | 188 | ●+2 | 7.9 | 4.2 | 9.4 |
| 280 | 183 | Greene King | 257 | 260 | ●+1 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 14.8 |
| 355 | 274 | Guinness | 278 | 282 | ●-2 | 11.6 | 4.1 | 10.7 |
| 648 | 405 | Hardys & Hansons | 632 | 640 | -2 | 26.7 | 4.2 | 14.0 |
| 91 | 68 | Highland Dist | 68 | 70 | ● .. | 3.1 | 4.5 | 13.3 |
| 147 | 140 | Invergordon Distl | 139 | 141 | ●-½ | 6.8 | 4.9 | 8.9 |
| 200 | 160 | Irish Dist | 180 | 185 | ●+2 | 6.0 | 3.3 | .. |
| 114 | 77 | Marston Thompson | 111 | 113 | ●+1 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 19.9 |
| 465 | 217 | Morland | 356 | 359 | ●-1 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 16.5 |
| 288 | 131 | SA Brewerss | 235 | 243 | ● .. | | | |
| 234 | 163 | Scot & New | 197 | 198 | ●+1½ | 10.3 | 5.2 | 12.0 |
| 540 | 353 | Vaux | 487 | 492 | ●+5 | 17.9 | 3.7 | 14.8 |
| 318 | 223 | Whitbread 'A' | 255 | 258 | ●-1 | 11.5 | 4.5 | 11.9 |
| 318 | 226 | Do 'B' | 276 | 278 | ●-2 | 11.5 | 4.2 | 12.6 |
| 251 | 188 | Whitbread Inv | 235 | 238 | ●+1 | 11.0 | 4.6 | 30.4 |
| 581 | 410 | Wolverhmptn & D | 548 | 552 | ●-1 | 13.8 | 2.5 | 15.5 |
| 330 | 195 | Young 'A' | 278 | 288 | -4 | 11.4 | 4.0 | 18.5 |

## BUILDINGS AND ROADS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 298 | 124 | Abbey | 200 | 205 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 258 | 181 | Aberdeen Constr | 230 | 235 | .. | 11.8 | 5.0 | 21.5 |
| 297 | 248 | Aitec | 285 | 288 | ●+1 | 18.4 | 6.1 | 14.4 |
| 78 | 52 | Amcliffe | 68 | 72 | .. | 0.1r | 0.1 | 10.8 |
| 223 | 144 | Allwoods | 215 | 218 | ●+1 | 7.1 | 3.3 | 18.6 |
| 550 | 328 | BPB Industries | 523 | 525 | ●+1 | 14.3 | 2.7 | 15.4 |
| 485 | 284 | Baggeridge Brick | 480 | 490 | ● .. | 12.5 | 2.6 | 12.9 |
| 166 | 128 | Barratt Devs | 158 | 161 | .. | 11.8 | 7.3 | 16.7 |
| 40 | 21 | Beazy (Geo) Constr | 30 | 33 | ● .. | 0.4 | 1.3 | 6.4 |
| 192 | 140 | Bellway | 157 | 158 | ●-½ | 10.7 | 6.8 | 8.4 |
| 242 | 134 | Berkeley Gp | 210 | 215 | ●-1 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 23.5 |
| 75 | 62 | Bett Bros | 63 | 68 | .. | 4.4 | 6.8 | 18.3 |
| 10¼ | 675 | Blockleys | 930 | 960 | -10 | 38.8 | 4.1 | 13.2 |
| 726 | 526 | Blue Circle | 653 | 657 | +2 | 30.0 | 4.6 | 9.3 |
| 275 | 233 | Breedon&Cloud Hill | 238 | 258 | ● .. | 14.8 | 5.9 | 23.5 |
| 108 | 68 | Br Dredging | 92 | 96 | -4 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 17.2 |
| 27 | 15½ | Brown & Jackson | 18 | 17½ | .. | .. | .. | 43.6 |
| 80 | 37 | Brownlee | 69 | 71 | .. | 3.8 | 5.4 | 35.5 |
| 158½ | 85 | Bryant | 158 | 159 | +3½ | 5.3n | 3.3 | 10.9 |
| 25 | 7 | Burnett & Hallam | 12½ | 13½ | .. | | | 7.4 |
| 145 | 85 | Cement-Roadstone | 141 | 143 | +1 | 4.0 | 2.8 | |
| 158 | 70 | Conder Grp | 148 | 153 | -2 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 21.8 |
| 590 | 483 | Costain | 488 | 490 | -1 | 25.0 | 5.1 | 8.1 |
| 488 | 286 | Countryside | 465 | 470 | +3 | 8.5 | 1.8 | 12.6 |

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 51¼ | 40 | AKZO N/V Bearer | 49⅝ | .. | +⅛ | 4.0 | 8.1 | .. |
| 242 | 160 | Allied Colloids | 236 | 238 | +1 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 24.9 |
| 452 | 290 | Amersham | 450 | 453 | ●+2 | 10.5 | 2.3 | 23.5 |
| 247 | 199 | Anchor Chemical | 240½ | 245½ | .. | 8.1 | 2.5 | 14.3 |
| 158 | 132 | BTP | 150 | 153 | ● .. | 7.1 | 4.7 | 18.3 |
| 113 | 81¼ | Bayer DM50 | 111⅛ | .. | +⅛ | 780 | 8.3 | .. |
| 133 | 102 | Blagden | 120 | 132 | -1 | 10.3 | 7.9 | 18.7 |
| 164 | 108 | Brent Chems | 146 | 150 | -1 | 6.6b | 4.4 | 17.7 |
| 108 | 84 | Br Benzol | 68 | 71 | -2 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 17.5 |
| 137 | 83 | Canning (W) | 136 | 138 | .. | 5.1 | 3.7 | 22.9 |
| 309 | 248 | Coalite | 273 | 274 | ●+½ | 11.1 | 4.1 | 10.3 |
| 216 | 135 | Coates Bros | 208 | 210 | ●-1 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 13.2 |
| 178 | 125 | Do 'A' | 177 | 178 | ●+½ | 7.0 | 3.9 | 11.3 |
| 23 | 16 | Cory (Horace) | 19½ | 20½ | +½ | 1.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| 182 | 142 | Croda | 178 | 179 | +½ | 10.0 | 5.6 | 18.5 |
| 168 | 119 | Do Dfd | 157 | 159 | ● .. | | | 10.6 |
| 222 | 156 | Ellis & Everard | 221 | 222 | -½ | 8.4 | 3.8 | 15.9 |
| 133 | 113 | Evode | 123 | 125 | .. | 5.5 | 4.4 | 10.2 |
| 258 | 208 | Foseco-Minsep | 239 | 242 | ●+3 | 12.9 | 5.4 | 9.8 |
| 173 | 113 | Halstead (James) | 155 | 158 | +1 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 9.1 |
| 453 | 338 | Hickson | 412 | 415 | +4 | 21.9 | 5.3 | 10.7 |
| 101¼ | 72⅝ | Hoechst DM50 | 94⅛ | .. | +⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 105 | 88 | Holt Lloyd | 100 | 103 | ● .. | 6.2 | 6.1 | 14.7 |
| 11⅛ | 734 | Imp Chem Ind | 10⅝ | 10⅝ | .. | 48.5 | 4.5 | 12.1 |
| 415 | 333 | Laporte | 408 | 412 | .. | 12.8 | 3.1 | 17.0 |
| 118 | 89 | Leigh | 104 | 107 | ● .. | 5.5 | 5.2 | 15.5 |
| 15½ | 11¼ | Norsk Hydro | 101⅛ | .. | .. | 0.31 | .. | .. |
| 180 | 119 | Plysu | 176 | 179 | ●+1 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 22.7 |
| 110 | 88½ | Reabrook Hldgs | 97 | 100 | .. | 3.7 | 3.7 | 11.4 |
| 176 | 129 | Rentokil | 139 | 141 | -1 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 17.5 |
| 330 | 216 | SNIA BPD | 248 | .. | +13 | .. | .. | .. |
| 73 | 36 | Sutcliffe Speakman | 56 | 58 | .. | .. | .. | 66.3 |
| 258 | 178 | Wolstenholme Rink | 247 | 252 | ● .. | 11.4 | 4.6 | 28.1 |
| 170 | 87 | Yorkshire Chem | 161 | 163 | -1 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 14.8 |

## CINEMAS AND TV

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 326 | 175 | Anglia TV 'A' | 320 | 323 | +1 | 13.9 | 4.3 | 16.8 |
| 416½ | 212 | Central TV | 398 | 403 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 52 | 27 | Grampian | 48 | 49 | ● .. | 2.9 | 6.0 | 7.8 |
| 240 | 175 | HTV N/V | 200 | 202 | .. | 12.1 | 6.0 | 8.7 |
| 477 | 293 | LWT Hldgs | 438 | 448 | ●-1 | 25.9 | 5.9 | 11.9 |
| 363 | 188 | Scot TV | 340 | 343 | -1 | 15.9 | 4.6 | 11.2 |
| 276 | 1 | TVS N/V | 248 | 250 | -1 | 14.3 | 5.7 | 12.3 |
| 50 | 31 | TSW | 47 | 47½ | -½ | 2.9 | 6.1 | 9.4 |
| 341 | 219 | Thames TV | 282 | 285 | ●+1 | 15.0 | 5.1 | .. |
| 226 | 137 | TV-AM | 204 | 208 | +4 | 6.4 | 3.1 | .. |
| 152 | 73½ | Ulster TV | 74 | 75 | ●+½ | 8.9 | 11.9 | 3.9 |
| 191 | 1 | Yorkshire TV | 182 | 185 | +1 | 8.9 | 4.8 | 11.4 |

## DRAPERY AND STORES

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 226 | 90 | Aimec | 208 | 211 | ●+1 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 13.7 |
| 21¼ | 14 | Amber Day | 15 | 15½ | .. | .. | .. | 17.5 |
| 93 | 61 | Aquascutum 'A' | 64 | 66 | ●+1 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 22.2 |
| 240 | 165 | Ashley (Laura) | 187 | 189 | ● .. | 2.5 | 1.5 | 28.8 |
| 98 | 85 | Beattie (James) 'A' | 89½ | 91½ | -½ | 3.8 | 4.2 | 12.6 |
| 208 | 123 | Bentalls | 142 | 145 | ●-1 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 28.7 |
| 18 | 2½ | Blacks Leis | 5¼ | 5½ | +¼ | .. | .. | .. |
| 765 | 390 | Body Shop | 735 | 785 | -2 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 74.5 |
| 72 | 40 | Bremner | 68 | 72 | .. | 1.4 | 2.0 | 52.2 |
| 848 | 403 | Brown (N) | 398 | 408 | ●-4 | 8.6 | 2.1 | 27.9 |
| 354 | 258 | Burton | 270 | 272 | ●+1 | 8.1 | 3.8 | 15.2 |
| 173 | 83 | Cantors 'A' | 160 | 163 | -1 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 14.5 |
| 85 | 37 | Casket (S) | 77 | 80 | .. | 3.1 | 3.9 | 27.3 |
| 435 | 305 | Church | 425 | 435 | .. | 12.1 | 2.8 | 17.3 |
| 564 | 426 | Coats Viyella | 468 | 470 | ●+2 | 17.9 | 3.8 | 14.0 |
| 265 | 149 | Combined English | 207 | 210 | +1 | 10.4 | 5.0 | 18.8 |
| 149 | 118 | Courts (Furn) 'A' | 139 | 141 | .. | 6.7 | 4.8 | 10.4 |
| 425 | 210 | DAKS Simpson 'A' | 410 | 440 | ● .. | 10.0 | 2.4 | 11.5 |
| 119 | 74 | Dewhirst (IJ) | 81 | 83 | +1 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 17.3 |
| 438 | 218½ | Dixons Grp | 308 | 310 | .. | 4.3 | 1.4 | 22.0 |
| 589 | 345 | Dunhill | 545 | 548 | ●-1 | 8.6 | 1.6 | 18.4 |
| 101 | 73 | Ellis & Goldstein | 88 | 89 | -½ | 3.6 | 4.1 | 11.0 |
| 715 | 565 | Elys (Wimbledon) | 580 | 610 | .. | 13.6 | 2.3 | 22.8 |
| 226 | 136 | Empire Stores | 177 | 180 | ●+1 | 6.8 | 3.8 | 17.5 |
| 274 | 188 | Etam | 195 | 198 | ●+1 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 14.0 |
| 135 | 39 | Executex Clothes | 110 | 115 | .. | 2.9 | 2.6 | 8.3 |
| 107 | 105 | Fine Art Dev | 184 | 186 | ● | 6.1 | 3.3 | 21.8 |
| 133½ | 51 | Ford (Martin) | 59 | 62 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 211 | 183 | Formminster | 208 | 213 | +4 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 9.8 |
| 484 | 310 | Freemans | 374 | 376 | +1 | 10.6 | 2.8 | 16.0 |
| 84 | 55 | Gent SR | 58 | 62 | -2 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 35.1 |
| 153 | 88 | Goldberg (A) | 144 | 148 | .. | 5.9 | 4.1 | 18.0 |
| 270 | 172 | Goldsmiths Gp | 268 | 270 | ●+2 | 11.4 | 4.3 | 30.5 |
| 16½ | 830 | GUS | 14⅝ | 15 | +⅛ | 31.4b | 2.1 | 20.4 |
| 11¼ | 721 | Do 'A' | 10⅜ | 10⅝ | .. | 30.0 | 2.9 | 14.4 |
| 307 | 190 | Harris Queensway | 202 | 204 | ●+1 | 7.5 | 3.7 | 16.2 |
| 49 | 23 | Helene Of London | 32½ | 33½ | ● .. | 2.3 | 7.0 | 10.7 |
| 45 | 28 | Hollas | 40 | 42 | +1 | 3.1 | 7.6 | 12.6 |
| 175 | 102 | House Of Lerose | 173½ | 176½ | .. | 12.0 | 6.9 | 12.7 |
| 90 | 74 | Jones (Ernest) | 82 | 86 | +2 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 13.5 |
| 285½ | 24 | Ladies Pride | 47 | 48½ | .. | 1.1 | 2.3 | 35.6 |
| 200 | 110½ | LCP | 195 | 197 | ●-½ | 8.3b | 4.7 | 19.3 |
| 310 | 135 | Lee Cooper | 307 | 312 | +2 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 13.5 |
| 830 | 645 | Liberty | 860 | 890 | +10 | 11.1 | 1.8 | 22.8 |
| 265 | 165 | Lincroft Kilgour | 240 | 250 | .. | 10.0 | 4.1 | 16.8 |
| 231 | 163 | Marks & Spencer | 175 | 178 | ●-½ | 5.8 | 3.3 | 20.9 |
| 350 | 263 | Menzies (John) | 310 | 312 | ●+1 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 14.8 |
| 635 | 488 | Moss Bros | 580 | 600 | .. | 8.4 | 1.4 | 27.9 |
| 297 | 188 | Next | 221 | 222 | ●-1½ | 7.1 | 3.2 | 19.3 |
| 353 | 305 | Oliver (G) | 345 | 355 | ● .. | 13.1 | 3.7 | 20.3 |
| 87½ | 55 | Pentos | 84 | 85½ | .. | 1.1 | 1.3 | 22.1 |
| 153 | 108 | Preedy (Alfred) | 134 | 136 | ●+1 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 94.4 |
| 284 | 105 | Ratners (Jewellers) | 257 | 258 | -½ | 4.3 | 1.7 | 33.3 |
| 385 | 220 | Reed (Austin) | 350 | 360 | -5 | 7.9 | 2.2 | 31.0 |
| 195 | 135 | Do 'A' | 182 | 184 | -1 | 8.6 | 4.7 | 16.0 |
| 56 | 31 | S & U Stores | 49 | 51 | +1 | .. | .. | 32.9 |
| 148½ | 104 | Sears | 119½ | 120 | -½ | 5.0 | 4.2 | 15.4 |
| 364 | 234 | Smith (WH) 'A' | 274 | 276 | -1 | 8.6 | 3.1 | 16.3 |
| 72 | 47 | Do 'B' | 57 | 58 | -½ | 1.7 | 3.0 | 17.0 |
| 95 | 65 | Stanley (AG) | 85 | 87 | -1 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 14.1 |
| 106 | 74 | Stead & Simpson 'A' | 96 | 100 | .. | 5.1 | 5.2 | 18.5 |
| 365 | 256½ | Storehouse | 277 | 279 | ●+2 | 11.0 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 24½ | 10 | Stormgard | 12 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | 18.7 |
| 42 | 21 | Sumrie Clothes | 28 | 33 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 523 | 413 | Superdrug Stores | 450 | 455 | +3 | 7.6 | 1.7 | 25.0 |
| 153 | 127 | Tibbett & Britten | 140 | 143 | -1 | 5.0 | 3.5 | .. |
| 80½ | 82½ | Time Products | 83 | 84 | ● | 3.2 | 3.8 | 15.1 |
| 183 | 136 | Top Top Drug | 162 | 167 | +2 | .. | .. | 24.0 |
| 196 | 158 | Underwoods | 172 | 174 | -1 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 33.2 |
| 378 | 235 | Ward White | 280 | 282 | +1 | 10.7b | 3.8 | 15.1 |
| 185 | 98 | Wigfalls | 172 | 177 | .. | 3.6e | 2.1 | .. |
| 107 | 66 | Whitsmoor | 69 | 72 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 925 | 430 | Woolworth | 682 | 687 | .. | 22.8b | 3.3 | 15.7 |

## ELECTRICALS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 398 | 185 | AB Elect | 330 | 334 | +2 | 14.3 | 4.3 | 17.3 |
| 240 | 133 | Abronetec | 208 | 213 | +1 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 21.4 |
| 150 | 35½ | Amstrad | 126 | 127 | +4½ | 0.5 | 0.4 | 13.3 |
| 100 | 43 | Apricot Computers | 47 | 50 | -1 | .. | .. | 8.3 |
| 110 | 63 | Arlen | 98 | 102 | ●-1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 10.4 |
| 300 | 225 | Atlantic Comp | 280 | 297 | -1 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 9.4 |
| 79 | 50 | Audio Fidelity | 71 | 74 | +1 | .. | .. | 17.6 |
| 22½ | 8½ | Autotronic | 17¼ | 18½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 220 | 168 | Auto Sec | 198 | 200 | ● .. | 2.3 | 1.2 | 13.5 |
| 370 | 235 | BICC | 255 | 258 | ●-½ | 15.7 | 6.1 | 14.5 |
| 130 | 65 | BSR | 80 | 83 | +2 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 5.6 |
| 147 | 1 | Bicos | 130½ | 133½ | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 180 | 133 | Borland | 132 | 135 | ● .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 595 | 375 | Bowthorpe | 563 | 568 | +11 | 10.5 | 1.9 | 19.5 |
| 143½ | 102 | Britannia Security | 132 | 135 | .. | 2.1 | 1.6 | 14.7 |
| 280 | 177½ | Br Telecom | 214 | 216 | ●+6 | 11.2 | 5.2 | 12.8 |
| 112 | 89 | Brown Boveri Kent | 86 | 88 | ● .. | 5.8b | 5.2 | 9.2 |
| 18 | 12 | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 15½ | 16½ | -½ | 0.1s | 0.6 | 28.8 |

## FINANCE AND LAND

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 242 | 265 | Abrogworth | 234 | 238 | .. | 1.8 | 0.8 | .. |
| 177 | 128 | Aitken Hume | 138 | 141 | .. | .. | .. | 5.9 |
| 178½ | 68 | Ampleguests | 148 | 150 | +3 | 6.9 | 4.6 | .. |
| 240 | 165 | Bentley Tech | 237 | 242 | ● .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 22 | 18 | Camelia | 19½ | 20½ | .. | 18.6 | 0.9 | 80.3 |
| 263 | 219 | Candover | 231 | 236 | -1 | 5.7 | 2.4 | 37.0 |
| 48 | 23 | Centreway | 39 | 42 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 34 | 17 | Equity & Gen | 29½ | 30½ | ●+½ | 1.3 | 4.3 | 28.3 |
| 185 | 132 | Ivory & Sime | 158 | 161 | ●+1 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 21.8 |
| 207 | 153 | Majedie | 204 | 207 | ● .. | 8.9 | 4.3 | 28.3 |
| 110 | 58 | Nat Home Loans | 108 | 111 | ●+1 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 31.7 |
| 118 | 76 | Do 8pc | 107 | 109 | .. | 825 | 7.6 | .. |
| 148 | 114 | Newmarket | 118 | 123 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 11 | 9¼ | Parrish (JT) | 335 | 345 | +3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 223 | 185 | Templeton Gbrh | 207 | 212 | .. | .. | .. | .. |

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## FOODS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 174 | 126 | ASDA-MFI | 150 | 152 | -1 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 16.5 |
| 37 | 18 | Alpine Drinks | 25 | 27 | .. | 2.6e | 10.0 | 52.0 |
| 361 | 289 | Argyll | 313 | 315 | ●+1 | 11.7 | 3.7 | 14.8 |
| 325 | 288 | AB Food | 310 | 314 | .. | 10.1 | 3.2 | 12.2 |
| 165 | 35 | Assoc Fisheries | 110 | 112 | .. | 5.0 | 4.5 | 33.0 |
| 592 | 457 | Avana | 458 | 462 | -3 | 17.5 | 3.8 | 14.8 |
| 400 | 250 | Banks (Sidney C) | 375 | 385 | +5 | 16.4 | 4.3 | 8.6 |
| 162 | 80 | Barker & Dobson | 148 | 152 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 350 | 219 | Barr (AG) | 312 | 322 | .. | 13.1 | 4.1 | 9.0 |
| 213 | 170 | Bassett Foods | 187 | 192 | ●+2 | 10.0 | 5.3 | 18.5 |
| 108 | 73 | Batleys | 75 | 80 | .. | 3.1 | 4.0 | 15.7 |
| 228 | 145 | Bejam | 182 | 185 | .. | 6.1 | 3.7 | 17.2 |
| 287 | 138 | Beresford (S & W) | 281 | 283 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 113 | 88 | Bluebird Conf | 110 | 115 | +2 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 32.1 |
| 365 | 308 | Booker | 337 | 342 | ● .. | 17.9 | 5.3 | 14.7 |
| 75 | 38 | Borthwick | 72 | 74 | +1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | .. |
| 185 | 139 | Cadbury-Schweppes | 183 | 185 | +1 | 8.7 | 4.7 | 21.5 |
| 183 | 145 | Carrs Milling | 177½ | 182½ | ● .. | 9.3 | 5.2 | 9.8 |
| 293 | 158 | Clifford's Dairies | 285 | 290 | .. | 11.0 | 3.8 | 18.8 |
| 245 | 141 | Do 'A' | 217 | 222 | +4 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 12.6 |
| 140 | 105 | Cullens | 122 | 132 | -3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 280 | 201 | Dee | 205 | 208 | +5 | 10.6 | 5.1 | 16.7 |
| 127 | 25 | England (Js) | 96 | 99 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 215 | 110¼ | Fisher (Albert) | 172 | 175 | ● .. | 3.2 | 1.6 | 20.4 |
| 275 | 238 | Fitch Lovell | 259 | 262 | .. | 15.0 | 5.7 | 16.1 |
| 157 | 183 | Glenfoods | 147 | 150 | +1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 20.4 |
| 280 | 188 | Glass Glover | 240 | 245 | .. | 5.8 | 2.4 | 18.5 |
| 154 | 126 | Hazlewood Foods | 156 | 158 | ●+5 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 22.5 |
| 250 | 159 | Hillards | 182 | 185 | -1 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 14.5 |
| 242¼ | 136¼ | Hillsdown Hldgs | 215 | 217 | ●-8 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 14.0 |
| 112 | 76 | Home Farm | 107 | 112 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 188 | 115 | Hunter Saphir | 170 | 173 | ●+1 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 14.6 |
| 298 | 247 | Iceland Frozen | 265 | 270 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 258 | 220 | Kwik Save | 244 | 246 | ●-1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 143 | 85 | Lees (John J) | 132 | 137 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 122 | 50 | Lovell (GF) | 95 | 100 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 600 | 505 | Low (Wm) | 575 | 580 | ●+3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 355 | 122 | Matthews (Bernard) | 270 | 272 | ●-8 | .. | .. | .. |
| 170 | 93 | Meat Trade Supp | 168 | 170 | ● .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 235 | 155 | Morrison (W) | 230 | 233 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 225 | 205 | Nichols (JN) (Vimto) | 218 | 220 | .. | 8.8 | 4.1 | 14.2 |
| 82½ | 51½ | Normans | 56 | 66½ | +¼ | 2.8 | 5.0 | 23.1 |
| 360 | 243 | Nuho Foods | 246 | 248 | -1 | 11.4 | 4.6 | 12.2 |
| 190 | 152 | Nurdin & Peacock | 186 | 188 | ● .. | 8.3 | 3.4 | 15.4 |
| 170 | 127 | Park Foods | 168 | 171 | +1 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 14.8 |
| 292 | 157 | RHM | 278 | 280 | ●-1 | 9.4 | 3.4 | 17.3 |
| 632 | 365 | Rowntree Mac | 398 | 400 | ●-1 | 18.0 | 4.5 | 11.1 |
| 435 | 344 | Sainsbury (J) | 414 | 416 | ●+1 | 8.4 | 2.0 | 24.1 |
| 163 | 122 | Salvesen (Chris) | 137 | 139 | ● .. | 4.8 | 3.5 | 17.5 |
| 248 | 154 | Somportex | 215 | 220 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 658 | 502 | Tate & Lyle | 558 | 562 | ● .. | 32.9 | 3.9 | 11.4 |
| 70 | 40 | Tavener Rutledge | 43 | 48 | .. | .. | .. | 8.8 |
| 428 | 265 | Tesco | 383 | 386 | .. | 8.9 | 2.3 | 22.0 |
| 325 | 216 | Unigate | 312 | 315 | ●-2 | 15.4 | 4.9 | 15.0 |
| 269 | 218 | Utd Biscuits | 228 | 230 | ●-1 | 13.6 | 5.9 | 12.4 |
| 160 | 134 | Watson & Philip | 159 | 161 | .. | 9.7b | 6.1 | 15.7 |

## HOTELS AND CATERERS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 155 | 81 | Friendly Hotels | 138 | 140 | ●-1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 67.8 |
| 481 | 329 | Grand Met | 453 | 456 | .. | 14.6 | 3.2 | 13.1 |
| 305 | 208 | Kennedy Brookes | 258 | 261 | ●+3 | 2.8b | 1.1 | 13.4 |
| 391 | 312 | Ladbroke | 378 | 380 | +5 | 16.8 | 4.4 | 18.0 |
| 565 | 447 | Lon Park Hotels | 455 | 460 | -2 | 14.3 | 3.1 | 13.9 |
| 100 | 78½ | Mount Charlotte | 94½ | 95 | -½ | 2.1 | 2.2 | 15.5 |
| 115 | 67 | Prince Of W Hotels | 110 | 115 | .. | 2.1 | 1.9 | 20.4 |
| 68½ | 48½ | Queens Moat | 66½ | 67½ | -½ | 2.3 | 3.4 | 17.6 |
| 405 | 348 | Savoy Hotels 'A' | 374 | 378 | +1 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 14.8 |
| 81 | 56 | Stakis | 75 | 76½ | -1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 16.4 |
| 209 | 139 | Trusthouse Forte | 170 | 172 | +2 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 16.9 |

## INDUSTRIALS A - D

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 261 | 179 | AAH | 280 | 282 | +8 | 11.6 | 4.4 | 14.7 |
| 239 | 144 | AGB Research | 153 | 160 | -2 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 23.5 |
| 131 | 98 | AIM | 127 | 130 | .. | 8.2 | 6.4 | 13.1 |
| 675 | 318 | APV | 585 | 588 | -3 | 25.7b | 4.4 | 18.5 |
| 110 | 75½ | Aaronson | 93 | 94 | +1½ | 6.0 | 6.4 | 10.4 |
| 258 | 208 | Adwest | 224 | 226 | +1 | 12.2 | 5.4 | 11.4 |
| 381 | 207 | Alexandra W'wear | 377 | 385 | +1 | 9.3 | 2.4 | 23.2 |
| 255 | 144 | Alginac | 192 | 195 | -1 | .. | .. | 12.4 |
| 315 | 148 | Amber Ind | 295 | 310 | ●+5 | 12.4 | 4.1 | 14.0 |
| 395 | 150 | Appledore | 225 | 230 | +3 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 12.6 |
| 90 | 35 | Arenson | 47 | 50 | ●+1 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 8.0 |
| 38½ | 23 | Arlen | 37 | 38½ | ●+1½ | 0.6 | 1.6 | 14.8 |
| 440 | 373 | Ash & Lacy | 388 | 390 | .. | 30.4 | 7.9 | 11.2 |
| 91 | 39 | Ashley | 39 | 41 | .. | .. | .. | 35.1 |
| 530 | 183 | Ass Br Eng 8% | 235 | 250 | +5 | 11.4 | 4.7 | .. |
| 83 | 55½ | Aurora | 77½ | 79 | +½ | 1.4 | 1.8 | 12.2 |
| 393 | 263 | Avon Rubber | 363 | 368 | ● .. | 9.3 | 2.5 | 9.2 |
| 80 | 40 | Ayrshire Metal | 46 | 49 | +1 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 5.0 |
| 269 | 117 | BBA | 130 | 133 | +1 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 18.2 |
| 455 | 375 | BET Ord | 438 | 442 | +2 | 34.3 | 7.8 | 18.0 |
| 85 | 62 | BETEC | 77 | 80 | ● .. | 2.8 | 3.5 | 10.7 |
| 393 | 293 | BOC | 363 | 366 | +3 | 15.4 | 4.2 | 14.2 |
| 300 | 241 | BTR | 268 | 270 | -2 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 18.7 |
| 218 | 153 | Babcock | 183 | 185 | -1 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 13.5 |
| 21¼ | 18 | Bailey (CH) | 21 | 21½ | .. | .. | .. | 70.0 |
| 420 | 280 | Baird (Wm) | 383 | 387 | ●-1 | 19.3 | 5.0 | 12.9 |
| 310 | 214 | Baker Perkins | 232 | 234 | ● .. | 11.1 | 4.8 | 8.8 |
| 218 | 100 | Barrio | 150 | 154 | -1 | 9.3 | 6.1 | 12.2 |
| 178 | 125½ | Barlow | 142 | 144 | .. | 3.6 | 2.5 | 16.9 |
| 387 | 227 | Barlow Rand | 285 | 295 | ● | .. | .. | .. |
| 60 | 38 | Barrow Hepburn | 56 | 60 | .. | 3.6 | 6.2 | 13.8 |
| 465 | 180 | Barton Transport | 400 | 450 | ● | 31.4t | 7.4 | 5.0 |
| 35 | 14 | Baynes (Charles) | 31 | 33 | .. | 1.9b | 5.9 | .. |
| 241 | 170 | Beatson Clarke | 198 | 203 | +8 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 13.8 |
| 73 | 47 | Beauford | 68 | 73 | .. | 3.9 | 5.5 | 9.7 |
| 663 | 179 | Beazer (CH) | 198 | 199 | ●+2 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 11.8 |
| 450 | 356 | Beecham | 437 | 439 | ● .. | 17.1 | 3.9 | 18.2 |
| 50 | 34 | Benlox | 40 | 42 | -1 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 35.3 |
| 287 | 133 | Bensford (S&W) | 281 | 283 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 148 | 90 | Berisfords | 110 | 115 | -3 | 9.3b | 8.2 | 9.2 |
| 552 | 113 | Bespak | 113 | 116 | .. | 6.1 | 5.3 | 28.8 |
| 485 | 307 | Bestobell | 465 | 485 | +5 | 8.8 | 1.8 | 12.7 |
| 205½ | 105 | Bestwood | 143 | 153 | +3 | 2.9 | 2.0 | .. |
| 325 | 220 | Bibby (J) | 245 | 255 | ● | 11.8 | 4.7 | 11.8 |
| 193 | 153 | Bigdlle | 188 | 191 | .. | 3.4 | 1.8 | 35.8 |
| 148 | 88 | Birkam (J) | 130 | 135 | .. | 5.3 | 4.0 | 15.2 |
| 152 | 84 | Birmid Qualcast | 140 | 141 | +½ | 6.1 | 4.3 | 13.4 |
| 200 | 103 | Birmingham Mint | 153 | 158 | ● | 9.6b | 6.2 | 9.5 |
| 197 | 134 | Black Arrow | 183 | 193 | ● | 7.5 | 4.0 | 12.6 |
| 208 | 144 | Black (Peter) | 190 | 195 | .. | 2.1 | 1.1 | 19.9 |
| 62 | 40½ | Blackwood Hodge | 42 | 43 | ●+½ | 1.4 | 3.3 | 8.8 |
| 405 | 174 | Blue Arrow | 388 | 391 | .. | 2.9 | 0.7 | 22.8 |
| 482 | 167 | Bodycote | 360 | 370 | ● .. | 9.6 | 2.6 | 14.7 |
| 288 | 170 | Boots | 228 | 229 | ●+1½ | 10.6 | 4.6 | 14.8 |
| 34½ | 8½ | Boulton (Wm) | 17½ | 18½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 353 | 263 | Bowater | 343 | 347 | +4 | 13.6 | 3.9 | 20.9 |
| 22½ | 15½ | Bowthorpe Inc | 21½ | 21½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 175 | 100 | Braithwaite Grp | 153 | 158 | .. | 17.9 | .. | .. |
| 376 | 248 | Brammer | 263 | 265 | -8 | .. | .. | 11.7 |
| 97 | 44 | Brasway | 52 | 54 | +1 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 11.2 |
| 220 | 98 | Brent Walker | 211 | 214 | ● .. | 7.9 | 3.7 | 16.5 |
| 74 | 34 | Breygent Gp | 34 | 37 | ●+1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 24.0 |
| 198 | 121 | Bridon | 138 | 140 | ●+1 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 8.8 |
| 229 | 169 | Brlckhse-Dudley | 209 | 213 | ●+1 | 8.9 | 4.2 | 11.5 |
| 220 | 224½ | Br Bldg & Eng App | 215 | 225 | ● | 2.0 | 0.9 | .. |
| 303 | 168 | BRS Group | 245 | 250 | ● | 11.8 | 4.8 | 10.7 |
| 143 | 72 | Br Syphon | 88 | 92 | .. | 5.7b | 6.3 | 9.6 |
| 288 | 130 | Br Vita | 282 | 287 | .. | 7.3 | 2.6 | 16.2 |
| 433 | 258 | Broken Hill | 404 | 408 | +3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 145 | 59 | Bromsgrove Inds | 68 | 71 | .. | 1.9 | 2.7 | 11.3 |
| 34 | 17 | Brook Eng | 28 | 30 | -½ | 0.7e | 2.4 | 30.2 |
| 48 | 31 | Brooke Tool | 33 | 34½ | .. | 2.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| 188 | 140 | Brown & Tawse | 140 | 143 | +2 | 10.3b | 7.3 | 8.7 |
| 74 | 48 | Bryntons (Mus) | 70 | 75 | .. | 4.3 | 5.9 | 14.4 |
| 350 | 195 | Bullough | 345 | 355 | +10 | 15.1 | 4.3 | 12.6 |
| 288 | 138 | Burgess | 200 | 205 | .. | 3.9 | 1.9 | 14.1 |
| 113 | 58 | Burns-Anderson | 112 | 114 | ●+1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 18.6 |
| 108 | 69 | Camford Eng | 94 | 98 | +3 | 2.5s | 2.6 | 16.2 |
| 58 | 25½ | Capeo Ind | 41 | 42½ | .. | 2.4 | 5.7 | 34.7 |
| 90 | 66 | Cape Ind | 79 | 82 | ● | 2.9s | 3.6 | 12.5 |
| 505 | 253 | Carclo Eng | 432 | 442 | .. | 22.0 | 5.0 | 10.5 |

## INDUSTRIALS E - K

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 8½ | Transwood | 19½ | 20½ | .. | .. | .. | 37.0 |
| 90 | 58 | Trebor | 81 | 84 | +2 | 0.1e | 0.2 | 32.1 |
| 144 | 78 | Triplex | 125 | 127 | .. | 2.9 | 2.3 | 13.6 |
| 241 | 75 | Turner & Newall | 173 | 175 | +2 | 10.7 | 6.1 | 6.7 |
| 125 | 75 | Ungroup | 94 | 98 | .. | 1.6 | 1.7 | 18.6 |
| 22 | 13½ | Unilever | 21½ | 21¾ | .. | 60.1 | 2.8 | 20.0 |
| 97½ | 56½ | Unilever (NV) | 95⅛ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 250 | 212 | Valor | 284 | 287 | ●+1 | 7.6 | 2.7 | 15.9 |
| 540 | 293 | Vickers | 387 | 390 | +1 | 20.0 | 5.1 | 11.2 |
| 130 | 93 | Victor Products | 85 | 100 | -2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.9 |
| 195 | 120 | Vinten | 138 | 144 | .. | 4.5b | 3.2 | 24.5 |
| 204¼ | 134½ | Volkswagen | 115⅛ | .. | -¼ | .. | .. | .. |
| 200 | 138 | VSEL | 195 | 200 | ● .. | 8.1 | 4.1 | 8.9 |
| 205 | 118 | WSL | 161 | 163 | ● .. | 1.0 | 0.6 | .. |
| 165 | 85 | Wade Potteries | 152 | 157 | ●+2 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 15.0 |
| 270 | 156 | Wagon Ind | 255 | 258 | -1 | 12.9 | 5.0 | 13.3 |
| 69 | 29 | Walker, Greenbank | 57½ | 59 | +½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 144 | 69 | Waterford Glass | 118½ | 120 | +½ | 1.9 | 1.6 | 17.7 |
| 198 | 160 | Watshams | 165 | 170 | +2 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 21.3 |
| 568 | 239 | Wedgwood | 550 | 560 | .. | 14.3 | 2.6 | 18.2 |
| 154 | 69 | Weir | 118 | 120 | .. | 4.5 | 3.8 | 8.3 |
| 231 | 174 | Wellcome | 221 | 223 | ●-1 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 27.3 |
| 50½ | 14½ | Wellman | 42½ | 44 | .. | .. | .. | 16.8 |
| 110 | 55 | Westland | 75 | 77 | +1 | .. | .. | 4.6 |
| 130 | 16 | Westmex | 97 | 102 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 118 | 78 | Wests | 105½ | 108½ | .. | 7.9 | 7.4 | 14.8 |
| 75 | 38 | Westwood Dawes | 45 | 50 | +3 | .. | .. | 19.0 |
| 305 | 210 | Whatman Reeve | 300 | 310 | +5 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 21.4 |
| 124 | 82 | Whessoe | 88 | 94 | ● .. | 7.9 | 8.8 | 5.6 |
| 255½ | 170½ | Whitecroft | 234 | 237 | ●+1 | 14.3b | 6.1 | 12.9 |
| 188 | 120 | Wilkes (James) | 117 | 122 | .. | 8.6 | 8.0 | 7.7 |
| 740 | 335 | Williams Hldgs | 540 | 545 | -7 | 20.0 | 3.7 | 22.9 |
| 186 | 120 | Wills Gp | 175 | 180 | .. | 8.6 | 4.8 | .. |
| 588 | 382 | Wolseley | 580 | 582 | ●+3 | 16.4 | 2.8 | 14.1 |
| 98 | 56 | Wood (Arthur) | 76 | 80 | .. | 3.6 | 4.6 | 10.7 |
| 60 | 26 | Wood (SW) | 50 | 54 | -2 | .. | .. | 18.4 |
| 93 | 43½ | Woodhouse & Rix | 59 | 61 | .. | 4.3b | 7.2 | 8.5 |
| 139 | 56 | Wyndham Eng | 130 | 135 | .. | 2.8 | 2.8 | 17.3 |
| 178 | 93 | Young (H) | 103 | 106 | ●-1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 10.5 |

## INSURANCE

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 207 | 109 | Abbey Life | 204 | 206 | -1 | 10.3 | 5.0 | .. |
| 20 | 18½ | Alex & Alex | 18⅝ | .. | ●-⅛ | 100 | 5.4 | .. |
| 868 | 620 | Allianz Vers | 786 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 29⅝ | 23⅛ | Am Gen | 102⅛ | .. | .. | 89.0f | 3.4 | .. |
| 415 | 273 | Bradstock | 405 | 407 | +1 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 15.7 |
| 904 | 799 | Britannic | 888 | 892 | +1 | 44.7 | 5.0 | .. |
| 336 | 257 | Com Union | 283 | 284 | -½ | 17.4 | 6.6 | .. |
| 320 | 228 | Equity & Law | 318 | 320 | +1 | 9.6 | 3.0 | .. |
| 405 | 194 | FAI | 375 | 400 | s-2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 954 | 701 | Gen Accident | 798 | 802 | ●+1 | 34.3 | 4.3 | 20.1 |
| 774 | 730 | GRE | 769 | 775 | ●+3 | 42.5 | 5.5 | 22.4 |
| 708 | 425 | Heath C E | 425 | 426 | ●-5 | 35.0 | 8.2 | 6.4 |
| 361 | 267 | Hogg Robinson | 355 | 357 | -1 | 14.6 | 4.1 | 14.3 |
| 288 | 133 | Legal & Gen | 246 | 247 | -1½ | 12.3 | 5.0 | 31.4 |
| 224 | 173 | London & Man | 197 | 200 | -1 | 9.0 | 4.5 | 26.3 |
| 491 | 257 | Lon Utd Inv | 490 | 492 | +15 | 24.6 | 5.0 | 14.3 |
| 68⅛ | 29¼ | Marsh & McLen | 43¼ | 43⅜ | +⅛ | 220 | 5.1 | .. |
| 305 | 220 | Minet | 238 | 238 | .. | 11.4 | 4.8 | 11.4 |
| 348 | 223 | PWS | 293 | 295 | .. | 13.2 | 4.5 | 14.0 |
| 15⅛ | 12 | Pearl | 15¼ | 15⅜ | .. | 68.1 | 4.2 | .. |
| 942 | 716 | Prudential | 798 | 802 | -4 | 38.8 | 4.8 | 52.8 |
| 453 | 361 | Refuge | 450 | 455 | +4 | 20.4 | 4.5 | .. |
| 957 | 752 | Royal | 860 | 862 | ●+9 | 38.6 | 4.5 | 70.6 |
| 415 | 303 | Sedgwick Gp | 308 | 310 | -7 | 17.1 | 5.5 | 14.7 |
| 489 | 346 | Stewart Wr'son | 442 | 445 | ●+5 | 15.7 | 3.5 | 18.0 |
| 445 | 380 | Sturge Hldgs | 408 | 412 | .. | 10.0 | 2.4 | 21.1 |
| 772 | 520 | Sun Alliance | 640 | 645 | ●-1 | 27.5 | 4.3 | 57.9 |
| 977 | 772 | Sun Life | 923 | 927 | ●+1 | 35.4 | 3.8 | .. |
| 245 | 120 | Trade Indemnity | 230 | 240 | .. | 5.3 | 2.3 | 8.8 |
| 494 | 394 | Willis Faber | 425 | 430 | +4 | 12.5 | 2.9 | 20.3 |

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## LEISURE

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 144 | 96 | Barr & WA 'A' | 135 | 145 | +3 | 10.0 | 7.1 | 11.0 |
| 220 | 128 | Boosey & Hawkes | 185 | 195 | +2 | .. | .. | 28.4 |
| 220 | 130 | Brent Walker | 211 | 214 | ● .. | 7.9 | 3.7 | 16.5 |
| 135 | 93 | Campari | 115 | 118 | ●-1 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 31.3 |
| 225 | 1 | Chrysalis | 170 | 173 | ● .. | 8.0 | 4.7 | 14.2 |
| 410 | 325 | First Leisure | 405 | 409 | ●-1 | 9.3 | 2.3 | 20.9 |
| 65½ | 49 | GRA | 64 | 65½ | .. | .. | .. | 54.8 |
| 115 | 80 | Hamburger Brooks | 110 | 120 | .. | .. | .. | 14.9 |
| 151½ | 83 | Horizon Travel | 144 | 146 | .. | 6.3 | 4.3 | 8.9 |
| 131 | 94 | Int Leisure | 122 | 124 | ● .. | 7.4 | 6.0 | 11.4 |
| 51 | 35 | Juliana's Hldgs | 49 | 51 | +2 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 19.5 |

## OVERSEAS TRADERS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 120 | 39 | Gt Western Res | 52 | 57 | ●+4 | 2.9 | 5.3 | .. |
| 11¼ | 645 | Hamilton | 9⅛ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 152 | 98 | Hunting | 130 | 135 | -2 | 13.6 | 10.2 | 5.9 |
| 814 | 271 | IC Gas | 610 | 612 | ● | 26.4 | 4.3 | 15.9 |
| 54 | 22 | Imco | 40 | 43 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 38 | 4½ | Jackson | 6 | 7½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 29 | 9 | KCA Drilling | 9 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | 3.4 |
| 240 | 85 | LASMO | 157 | 159 | -1 | 17.4e | 11.0 | 5.4 |
| 300 | 99½ | Do Units | 180 | 185 | ●+3 | 82.7 | 38.5 | .. |
| 21 | 6 | New Court | 5½ | 7 | -6¾ | .. | .. | 1.6 |
| 49 | 15 | New London Oil | 22 | 25 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 7 | 2½ | Offshore | 4 | 4½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 43½ | 11½ | Oil Search | 41 | 42 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 110 | 28 | Petranol | 40 | 44 | +2 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| 113 | 44½ | Petrocon | 60 | 65 | .. | 2.8b | 4.1 | 10.0 |
| 41 | 21 | Premier | 37½ | 38 | -¼ | .. | .. | 24.2 |
| 65¼ | 43 | Royal Dutch | 64⅝ | 65⅜ | .. | 226 | 3.5 | .. |
| 984 | 653 | Shell | 976 | 979 | -4½ | 51.4 | 5.3 | 9.8 |
| 185 | 122 | Sitelane | 133 | 138 | ● .. | 8.6 | 5.5 | 24.1 |
| 97 | 18 | Sovereign | 32 | 33 | -½ | .. | .. | 2.1 |
| 33½ | 11 | TR Energy | 13½ | 14½ | .. | .. | .. | 13.7 |
| 22 | 8½ | Target | 20 | 23 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 315 | 91 | Tricentrol | 280 | 282 | -1½ | 7.1e | 11.4 | 2.7 |
| 280 | 88 | Triton Europe | 133 | 138 | -2 | .. | .. | 20.2 |
| 219 | 98 | Ultramar | 157 | 160 | ●-1 | 7.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| 86 | 29½ | Woodside | 60 | 63 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 138 | 85 | Dallington | 128 | 133 | ● .. | 10.0 | 7.8 | 11.6 |
| 107 | 75 | Finlay (James) | 84 | 85 | ●-½ | 5.9 | 7.0 | .. |
| 481 | 325 | Harrison Crosfield | 455 | 458 | +9 | 28.6 | 6.3 | 23.1 |
| 505 | 300 | Inchcape | 492 | 494 | ●+3 | 25.9 | 5.3 | 39.1 |
| 37 | 28½ | Jacks (Wm) | 35½ | 36½ | +1 | 1.7b | 4.7 | 13.4 |
| 283 | 183 | Lonrho | 239 | 240 | +4½ | 17.1 | 7.1 | 11.8 |
| 87 | 34 | Ocean Wilson | 81 | 86 | ●+1 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 14.7 |
| 296 | 190 | Paterson Zoch | 285 | 290 | .. | 9.3 | 3.2 | 7.4 |
| 288 | 190 | Do 'A' | 283 | 288 | .. | 9.3 | 3.2 | 7.4 |
| 213 | 128 | Polly Peck | 177 | 178 | -½ | 8.6 | 5.4 | 3.2 |
| 61 | 30 | Sime Darby | 57 | 61 | +½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 645 | 545 | Steel Bros | 628 | 648 | .. | 22.8a | 3.6 | 17.7 |
| 224 | 61 | Tozer Kemsley | 152 | 154 | .. | .. | .. | 54.8 |
| 271 | 153 | Yule Catto | 238 | 243 | .. | 12.1b | 5.0 | 11.1 |

## PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 245 | 201 | Abbott Mead | 205 | 210 | .. | 4.0 | 1.9 | 20.2 |
| 153 | 108 | Addison Cons | 112 | 114 | ● | 3.0 | 2.7 | .. |
| 57 | 45 | Aetcom Int | 47½ | 48½ | .. | 1.6 | 3.3 | 18.7 |
| 273 | 225 | Assoc Paper | 270 | 275 | ●+3 | 10.0 | 3.7 | 13.0 |
| 158 | 90 | Barker (Charles) | 97 | 102 | ●+2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | .. |
| 196 | 135 | Bemrose | 188 | 193 | ● | 11.4b | 6.0 | 78.0 |
| 359 | 242 | Boase Massimi | 273 | 280 | ● .. | 6.8b | 2.5 | 16.2 |
| 310 | 230 | BPCC | 243 | 247 | ●-5 | 20.0 | 8.2 | 20.0 |
| 186 | 145 | Brunning | 160 | 165 | .. | 7.0 | 4.3 | 40.9 |
| 237½ | 156½ | Bunzl | 203 | 205 | -2 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 21.1 |
| 10⅞ | 720 | Carlton Comm | 10¼ | 10⅝ | ● | 11.4 | 1.1 | 23.0 |
| 228 | 197 | Chapman | 220 | 225 | ● | 12.1 | 5.4 | 22.9 |
| 375 | 180 | Cropper (James) | 320 | 330 | ● | 4.3 | 1.3 | 7.4 |
| 314 | 254 | DRG | 294 | 298 | .. | 12.3 | 4.2 | 12.7 |
| 178 | 130 | Davidson Pearce | 132 | 137 | -1 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 13.8 |
| 913 | 380 | Eucalyptus Pulp | 875 | 885 | -5 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 15.1 |
| 280 | 170 | Ferguson Ind | 268 | 270 | -1 | 12.9b | 4.8 | 18.8 |
| 465 | 285 | Flach Design | 282 | 292 | -3 | 9.0 | 3.1 | 15.8 |
| 97 | 54 | Geers Gross | 81 | 84 | .. | 4.3 | 5.2 | 22.8 |
| 233 | 178 | Gold Greenless | 178 | 183 | .. | 1.4 | 0.8 | 17.8 |
| 277 | 1 | Good Relations | 137 | 142 | .. | 7.8 | 5.0 | 23.8 |
| 338 | 186 | Hunterprint | 327 | 332 | -1 | 10.0 | 3.0 | 12.1 |
| 133 | 110 | Lopex | 122½ | 127½ | .. | 5.7 | 4.6 | .. |
| 485 | 173 | Lowe HS & B | 348 | 353 | .. | 9.6 | 2.7 | 20.7 |
| 316 | 140 | McCorquodale | 270 | 275 | -5 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 12.1 |
| 151 | 93 | More O'Ferrall | 127 | 132 | ● .. | 6.1 | 4.7 | 16.4 |
| 155 | 116 | Norton Opax | 113 | 118 | ●-2 | 5.7b | 4.9 | 10.1 |
| 28 | 17½ | Ogilvy & Mather | 19⅝ | .. | +⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 69 | 48 | Olives Paper | 51 | 53 | -1 | .. | .. | 46.1 |
| 885 | 573 | St Ives Gp | 823 | 833 | -2 | 12.9 | 1.6 | 18.9 |
| 800 | 370 | Saatchi 10p | 720 | 725 | ●-1 | 25.1 | 3.5 | 14.2 |
| 150 | 98 | Do-Conv | 112 | 113 | +3 | 8.0 | 8.0 | .. |
| 353 | 171 | Shandwick | 330 | 335 | +2 | 6.0 | 1.8 | 17.4 |
| 326 | 124 | Smurfit (Jeff) | 310 | 315 | ● | 4.7 | 1.5 | .. |
| 220 | 200 | Usher Walker | 208 | 213 | .. | 10.8 | 5.1 | 9.8 |
| 215 | 125 | Valin Pollen | 155 | 165 | .. | 1.7 | 1.1 | 32.8 |
| 76 | 40 | Wace | 69 | 71 | +1 | .. | .. | 19.4 |
| 325 | 113 | Waddington (J) | 197 | 207 | ● | 7.9 | 3.9 | 19.2 |
| 309 | 228 | Watmoughs | 300 | 305 | .. | 9.7 | 3.2 | 14.9 |
| 565 | 320 | WCRS | 517 | 525 | ●+1 | 6.9 | 1.3 | .. |

## SHIPPING

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 317 | 187 | Assoc Br Ports | 310 | 315 | +7 | 8.6b | 2.7 | 17.3 |
| 386 | 213 | Br Commonwealth | 285 | 288 | ●-1 | 8.1b | 2.8 | 20.2 |
| 356 | 198 | Caledonia | 267 | 270 | ●+1 | 7.4 | 2.8 | 47.2 |
| 94 | 51 | Fisher (James) | 58 | 61 | +1 | 4.8 | 8.0 | 10.9 |
| 603 | 400 | Graig | 495 | 505 | .. | 21.4 | 4.3 | 41.5 |
| 76 | 54½ | Jacobs (JI) | 58 | 68 | .. | 5.1b | 7.6 | 51.1 |
| 12½ | 4½ | Lyle | 6½ | 7½ | .. | .. | .. | 0.6 |
| 41 | 26 | Mersey Docks | 30½ | 32 | +1 | .. | .. | 3.3 |
| 255 | 180 | Ocean Transport | 229 | 231 | -1 | 12.9 | 5.6 | 10.6 |
| 578 | 428 | P & O Dfd | 495 | 498 | +4 | 26.4b | 5.3 | 14.2 |
| 173 | 86 | Reliance (Walter) | 162 | 167 | ●+2 | 7.1 | 4.3 | 26.0 |
| 380 | 127 | Tipbook | 290 | 300 | ● | 5.6 | 1.9 | 19.5 |
| 380 | 380 | Turnbull Scott | 370 | 380 | .. | 12.9 | 3.4 | 52.5 |

## SHOES AND LEATHER

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 370 | 290 | FII | 345 | 355 | ●+5 | 9.6 | 2.7 | 10.2 |
| 206 | 145 | Garnar Booth | 170 | 174 | .. | 14.3 | 8.3 | 10.7 |
| 46 | 32 | Headlam Sims | 44 | 46 | .. | 0.7e | 1.6 | .. |
| 218 | 188 | Lambert Howarth | 195 | 200 | .. | 8.9 | 4.5 | 10.6 |
| 82 | 54½ | Newbold & Burton | 68 | 70 | .. | 4.4 | 6.5 | 20.5 |
| 174 | 82 | Pittard | 168 | 172 | ● | 5.5 | 3.2 | 11.7 |
| 157 | 118 | Strong & Fisher | 134 | 138 | .. | 12.8 | 8.5 | 6.3 |
| 273 | 158 | Stylo | 220 | 225 | -3 | 6.4 | 2.9 | 27.5 |

## TEXTILES

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 355 | 205 | Allied Text | 298 | 308 | .. | 10.7 | 3.5 | 20.8 |
| 300 | 153 | Atkins Bros | 248 | 253 | ●-2 | 10.7 | 4.3 | 15.5 |
| 200 | 125 | Beale (John) | 198 | 201 | +3 | 6.9 | 3.5 | 8.1 |
| 115 | 88 | Beckman (A) | 101 | 104 | ● | 8.2 | 8.0 | 12.0 |
| 36 | 16 | Bolton | 28 | 30 | .. | .. | .. | 20.1 |
| 144 | 125½ | Br Mohair | 139 | 141 | ● | 8.6n | 6.1 | 8.5 |
| 136 | 77 | Bulmer & Lumb | 133 | 138 | ● | 7.1 | 5.2 | 31.1 |
| 76½ | 61½ | Corah | 63½ | 64½ | +½ | 5.7 | 8.9 | .. |
| 330 | 252 | Courtaulds | 312 | 314 | ●+2 | 10.2 | 3.3 | 10.5 |
| 182 | 74 | Crowther (J) | 151 | 153 | -1 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 12.3 |
| 276 | 211 | Dawson | 249 | 252 | ●+5 | 9.1 | 3.6 | 13.5 |
| 60 | 42 | Delrex | 50 | 52 | .. | 0.7 | 1.4 | 40.2 |
| 152 | 67 | Drummond | 141 | 143 | ● | 4.6 | 3.2 | .. |
| 73 | 25 | Dura Mill | 68 | 73 | .. | 2.8 | 4.1 | 9.6 |
| 110 | 64 | Foster (John) | 65 | 68 | ● | 5.0 | 7.5 | 5.8 |
| 113 | 65 | Gaskell Broadloom | 110½ | 115½ | +2 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 8.2 |
| 60 | 32 | Hollas Parrecost | 39 | 42 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 137 | 87 | Illingworth | 113 | 115 | ●+1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 10.4 |
| 210 | 80 | Ingram (Harold) | 128 | 130 | .. | 4.3 | 3.4 | 23.7 |
| 125 | 47 | Jerome (S) | 115 | 118 | +1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 11.3 |
| 208 | 132 | Lamont | 202 | 207 | .. | 6.9 | 3.4 | .. |
| 205 | 136 | Leeds | 198 | 203 | ● | 6.9 | 3.4 | .. |
| 142 | 84 | Lister | 138 | 142 | ●+1 | 1.4 | 1.0 | .. |
| 173 | 72 | Lyles (S) | 121 | 124 | ●+3 | 8.2 | 6.7 | 13.6 |
| 115 | 71 | Mackay (Hugh) | 107 | 112 | +7 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 15.9 |
| 28½ | 18 | Munton | 18 | 19 | -½ | .. | .. | 15.4 |
| 158 | 84 | Pensand A | 123 | 125 | ● | 6.9 | 5.6 | 15.3 |
| 49½ | 30 | Readicut | 43½ | 44½ | ● | 2.5 | 5.7 | 10.2 |
| 155 | 109 | SEET | 135 | 138 | +1 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 7.8 |
| 136 | 72½ | Sekers | 116 | 119 | ● | 3.6 | 3.1 | 9.5 |
| 182 | 133 | Sirdar | 134 | 137 | .. | 7.4 | 5.4 | 9.9 |
| 79 | 48 | Smallshaw (R) | 73 | 76 | ●+1 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 6.8 |
| 33½ | 11 | Stoddard 'A' | 28½ | 30 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 188 | 95 | Textured Jersey | 132 | 135 | -2 | 8.6 | 6.4 | 7.6 |
| 230 | 28 | Tomkinsons | 220 | 225 | ●+3 | 5.7 | 2.6 | 11.1 |
| 109½ | 75½ | Tootal | 102 | 103 | ●-½ | 5.9 | 5.8 | 10.6 |
| 350 | 235 | Yorklyde | 250 | 270 | .. | 10.0 | 3.8 | 8.1 |

## TOBACCOS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 491 | 381 | BAT | 485 | 489 | -4 | 18.4 | 3.9 | 12.2 |
| 180 | 108 | Carroll | 136 | 143 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 178 | 127 | Rothmans B | 172 | 173 | ●-1½ | 10.0 | 5.8 | 6.1 |

## OIL

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 127 | 82 | Ampol | 122 | 128 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 31 | 9 | Aran Energy | 26 | 28 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 28 | 10 | Atlantic Resources | 22 | 23 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 109 | 58 | Aus Oil & Gas | 101 | 106 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 21½ | 12½ | BOM | 15½ | 17 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 425 | 333 | Br Borneo | 422 | 427 | +2 | 30.0 | 7.1 | 15.1 |
| 720 | 530 | Br Petroleum | 713 | 715 | -6 | 48.6 | 6.8 | 7.8 |
| 193 | 98 | Britoil | 168 | 170 | -1 | 9.3 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| 98 | 56 | Brycan | 70 | 73 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 419 | 334 | Burmah | 372 | 373 | ●+2½ | 18.2 | 4.9 | 11.5 |
| 76 | 47 | Carless Capel | 73 | 75 | ●-1 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 13.8 |
| 150 | 88 | Century | 125 | 128 | ●-1 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 9.3 |
| 34½ | 10 | Charterhall | 33 | 33½ | -½ | .. | .. | 75.6 |
| 56 | 30 | Clyde | 54 | 55 | -1½ | 2.1 | 3.9 | 6.5 |
| 180½ | 93 | Enterprise | 178 | 179 | -1½ | 12.1 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 56 | 23 | Firstland | 34 | 38 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 58 | 4 | Gerber Energy | 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 350 | 200 | Global N Res | 300 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 58 | 28 | Goal Pet | 44 | 46 | +1 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 17.0 |

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

RACING: WAYWARD LAD'S KEMPTON REIGN MAY END

# In-form Forgive'N Forget should add King George to honours list

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

**Forgive'N Forget**, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner in the spring of 1985, can add the King George VI Rank Chase to his steadily lengthening list of achievements at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

This season has seen Forgive'N Forget in irreppressible form. Following that initial win at Wetherby where Wayward Lad was among those who finished behind him, he has twice made successful forays across the Pennines to Haydock Park.

My feeling is that he has never been better, not even when he stormed up that final hill at Cheltenham to claim jumping's most coveted trophy two seasons ago.

On the other hand, Wayward Lad, who has already won Kempton's premier chase an unprecedented three times, may not be quite the force of old.

Combs Ditch, another with a distinguished record in the race – he has finished second in his last two runnings – is in the field again along with his stable companion, that flamboyant grey Desert Orchid, leaving their regular partner, Colin Brown, with a difficult choice of rides. He will delay his decision until Friday morning when he has walked the track.

In his shoes, I would plump for Combs Ditch, even though he has not run this season, as I remain convinced that Desert Orchid is at his best over shorter distances.

Lack of preparatory races should not affect Combs Ditch who has put up stunning performances first time out for the past two seasons.

It was on the corresponding day 12 months ago that Bolands Cross won his first steeplechase. Now he is being thrown in at the deep end having recently won a couple of handicaps at Ascot and Lingfield very easily indeed.

Much as I admire Nick Gaselee's seven-year-old, I still feel that with Desert Orchid and Door Latch in the field, vying for the lead, this race is going to be run to suit Forgive'N Forget.

But as far as the day's best bet is concerned, I prefer **Aherlow** who is napped to make it two wins from only two attempts over fences in the Butlin's Feltham Novices' Chase.

Aherlow was most impressive when beating Cavvies Clown first time out at Wincanton especially as he looked in need of a race that day. In the meantime, Cavvies Clown has beaten that other exciting young prospect Midnight Count at Ascot.

Significantly, his trainer Simon Christian has opted for the seemingly harder three-mile race on Friday instead of the shorter OSL Wayward Lad Novices' Chase for which he has declared Flag of Truce instead.

Whether his choice will manage to cope with **Foyle Fisherman** is a matter of opinion. My selection will be meeting Tawridge on 12lb better terms than when there was not much between them at Lingfield earlier this month.

No matter how they get on earlier in the day, David Elsworth and Colin Brown should at least win the Haven Abroad Handicap Hurdle with the course and distance winner **Hynosis** who is quite capable of leading from start to finish.

Unless the weather intervenes, Cybrandian will contest the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase at Wetherby instead of taking on the cracks at Kempton. Yet even he may not be capable of giving 23lb to **Repington** who has such a good record on the Yorkshire track. Also, Neville Crump's eight-year-old is in particularly good form at present.

The same remark also applies to **String Player** who looks poised to extend his winning sequence in the Bickerton Handicap Hurdle to the delight of his owner and trainer, the former English soccer international Francis Lee.

Fresh from that confidence-boosting win at Ayr on Saturday, **Taelos** can give Phil Tuck another winning ride in the John Haggas Memorial Novices' Chase while Toby Balding's decision to run his recent easy Lingfield winner **Bishop's Yarn** in the Towton Handicap Chase at Wetherby instead of the Boxing Day Handicap Chase at Wincanton looks highly significant.

The best bet on the Somerset track could easily be **Abu Kadra** even though he will face more than 20 opponents in the Coral Golden Hurdle qualifer.

John Francome's five-year-old, who had good form on the Flat, won his latest race over hurdles at Doncaster with the proverbial ton in hand. Further west, I like the look of the Hennessy Gold Cup winner **Broadheath** who will be out to repeat his victory of a year ago in the Langstone Cliff Hotel Chase at Newton Abbot.

At Market Rasen, the promising Alkepa will be hard pressed to concede 8lb to Mick's Star in the Bruce Carr Memorial Novices' Trophy while **Comeragh King** should atone for his recent Haydock lapse by winning the Limber Hill Novices' Chase.

Finally, at Wolverhampton the recent easy Uttoxeter winner **Spartan Orient** is taken to get the better of King Jo in the Oldbury Handicap Chase at the considerable difference of 21lb.



Wayward Lad, three times the King George winner, is seen here mastering Combs Ditch in last season's thrilling contest

## Saturday service

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## KEMPTON PARK

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.40 Foyle Fisherman. 1.10 AHERLOW (nap). 1.40 Mandavi. 2.15 Forgive'N Forget. 2.45 Agathist. 3.15 Hypnosis.

By Michael Seely

1.40 POWERFUL PADDY (nap). 2.15 Forgive'N Forget.

**Going: good to soft**

**12.40 OSL WAYWARD LAD NOVICE CHASE** (£3,329: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

102 14/U-F11 TAWRIDGE (L A H Ames Ltd) A Turnell 6-11-12 Steve Knight 85 4-1
103 PF2-11F ULAN BATOR (D) (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 9-11-8 P Scudamore ● 99 F5-2
105 P0-U401 STICK OF ROCK (E Parker) D Barons 6-11-4 H Davies 83 9-2
106 200F-12 SUMMONS (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 7-11-4 R Rowe 98 4-1
109 22F0F4- DUNKIRK (J Harmett) M Francis 10-11-0 M Richards 89 14-1
110 0011-33 FLAG OF TRUCE (P Lee) S Christian 6-11-0 R J Beggan 90 10-1
111 11-23F2 FOYLE FISHERMAN (Mrs K Hutchinson) J Jenkins 7-11-0 — 94 7-1
115 PP-3430 PRUDENT MATCH (V Batty) H O'Neill 7-11-0 R Chapman 77 25-1
116 PP QUARTER TOWN (Mrs J O'Sullivan) P Butler 6-11-0 A T O'Gorman — 50-1
119 220-100 EVENING SONG (C,BF) (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 7-10-13 Mr P Townsley 91 14-1

1985: BOLANDS CROSS 6-11-0 P Scudamore (11-8 fav) N Gaselee 5 ran

**1.10 BUTLIN'S FELTHAM NOVICE CHASE** (Grade II: £6,879: 3m) (7 runners) C 4

201 23-3221 CAVVIES CLOWN (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 6-11-7 C Brown 92 6-1
202 000-1F1 PLAYSCHOOL (R Cottle) D Barons 6-11-7 P Scudamore 98 11-4
204 0020-12 BOLD ACCLAIM (J Joseph) R Frost 6-11-4 — 73 14-1
205 40211-1 MASTER BOB (E Wills) N Henderson 6-11-4 S Smith Eccles 95 5-1
207 4324U3 ABEROY (Miss T Stone) R Champion 7-11-0 M Richards 84 33-1
208 0142-1 AHERLOW (P Fahey) S Christian 6-11-0 R J Beggan ● 99 F6-4
209 041F34 BALLYMULLISH (CD) (Mrs L Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-0 R Rowe 94 14-1

1985: VON TRAPPE 8-11-4 R Dunwoody (13-8 fav) M Oliver 7 ran

**FORM** CAVVIES CLOWN (10-12) won well 3l from the useful Midnight Count (11-8) with BALLYMULLISH (11-1) 4th beaten 25l at Ascot (2m 4f, £6014, good, Dec 13, 5 ran). PLAYSCHOOL (11-1) won 30l from No-U-Turn (10-8) at Doncaster (3m, £1576, good, Dec 12, 6 ran). MASTER BOB (11-4) won ¾l from Summons (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m, £3111, good, Dec 5, 8 ran). AHERLOW (11-2) won in good style on chasing debut by 2½l from CAVVIES CLOWN (11-2) at Wincanton (3m 1f, £1565, good to soft, Nov 27, 20 ran).
Selection: AHERLOW

**1.40 WINGS HANDICAP HURDLE** (£3,423: 3m) (15 runners) C 4

301 0/0211P- HOORAH HENRY (N Payne) J Sayers 6-11-10 H Davies 90 12-1
303 111010 TIMLYN (Lady Harris) G Balding 6-11-8 G Bradley 87 13-2
308 12U-000 BATTLE KING (BF) (Mrs D Beddington) F Winter 5-10-13 P Scudamore 98 11-2
309 14-2211 MANDAVI (Mrs K Anderson) N Henderson 5-10-13 (4ex) S Smith Eccles 94 F9-4
310 001020- GALLANT BUCK (B) (J Stott) D Elsworth 6-10-12 — ● 99 10-1
311 0/0210-4 POWERFUL PADDY (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-11 M Dwyer 90 4-1
314 030-F00 MR DIBBS (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-8 B de Haan 84 14-1
315 1000-P3 COPSE AND ROBBERS (Mrs K Hutchinson) J Gifford 4-10-8 R Rowe 91 12-1
316 0200- KUWAIT MUTAR (D Willis) C Guest in Belgium 4-10-4 — 95 16-1
317 304F-43 LADY NEWTON (Sunley Holdings Ltd) J Fox 5-10-2 R J Beggan 88 14-1
318 03-1100 CRISP (J Levy) C Read 5-10-1 G Moore 93 14-1
319 021342 LIGHT THE LOT (G Hackett) J Jenkins 5-10-0 S Sherwood 97 16-1
320 14/P444 ASA SPADES (E Parker) D Barons 7-10-0 Miss T Davis (7) 93 20-1
321 3-10000 AMERICAN GIRL (M Reeve) H O'Neill 7-10-0 R Chapman (4) 90 25-1
322 0/000-0F MISCHIEVOUS JACK (B Byford) B Byford 5-10-0 — 90 33-1

1985: No corresponding race

**FORM** TIMLYN (11-3) 5th beaten 24½l to Skygrange (10-12) at Worcester (2m 2f, £3128, good, Oct 25, 23 ran). MANDAVI (11-3) won well 5l from Pretalas (10-11) at Leicester (2m 4f, £1693, soft, Dec 15, 23 ran). GALLANT BUCK yet to race this season, most recent form (11-5) 2nd beaten nk to Ascenmoor (11-0) at Warwick (2m 5f, £1746, good to soft, May 17, 20 ran). POWERFUL PADDY (10-13) 4th, will have improved from the outing, beaten 10l to Battlefield Band (10-4) with MR DIBBS (10-10) 5th beaten 14l at Nottingham (2m 6f, £3069, good, Dec 6, 16 ran). COPSE AND ROBBERS (10-0) 3rd beaten 11l to Red Rocky (10-0) at Sandown (2m 5f, £3724, good to soft, Nov 29, 18 ran). LADY NEWTON (10-9) 3rd beaten 7l to Buckskin's Best (11-0) with LIGHT THE LOT (11-0) 4th beaten 15l at Sandown (2m 5f, £4862, good to soft, Nov 28, 11 ran).
Selection: POWERFUL PADDY

### Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

**2.15 KING GEORGE VI RANK CHASE** (Grade I: £31,696: 3m) (10 runners) C 4

401 214-F03 BEAU RANGER (White Bros (Taunton) Ltd) Miss J Thorne 8-11-10 S Smith Eccles 76 33-1
402 11F0-11 BOLANDS CROSS (C,D) (Ali Abu Khamsin) N Gaselee 7-11-10 P Scudamore 87 5-1
403 0/12110- COMBS DITCH (B,D) (R Tory) D Elsworth 10-11-10 C Brown or S Sherwood 95 11-2
404 PP-2212 CYBRANDIAN (D) (I Bray) M H Easterby 8-11-10 — 84 12-1
405 320-141 DESERT ORCHID (R Burridge) D Elsworth 7-11-10 C Brown or S Sherwood 80 10-1
406 3F0-141 DOOR LATCH (D) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-10 R Rowe 89 12-1
407 U43-111 FORGIVE'N FORGET (D) (T Kilroe & Sons Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11 M Dwyer ● 98 F2-1
411 F1-F134 VON TRAPPE (CD) (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-10 B de Haan 80 20-1
412 122-332 WAYWARD LAD (CD,BF) (Mrs S Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 11-11-10 G Bradley 97 4-1
413 1032-21 WESTERN SUNSET (S Sainsbury) T Forster 10-11-10 H Davies 86 16-1

1985: WAYWARD LAD 10-11-10 G Bradley (12-1) Mrs M Dickinson 5 ran

**FORM** BEAU RANGER (11-3) 3rd, failed to quicken, beaten 3¼l to I Haventalight (10-11) at Cheltenham (3m 1f, £7700, good, Dec 5, 8 ran.) BOLANDS CROSS (11-1) won well 15l from Clara Mountain (10-7) with VON TRAPPE (11-10) 4th beaten over 40l at Lingfield (3m, £10298, soft, Dec 6, 5 ran). COMBS DITCH yet to race this season has twice finished second in this contest. Last outing hampered by a loose horse, earlier (11-8) won 2l from DOOR LATCH (11-8) with FORGIVE'N FORGET (11-10) 4th beaten 7¾l at Haydock (3m, £11163, soft, Jan 18, 7 ran). CYBRANDIAN (11-2) beaten 10l by FORGIVE'N FORGET (11-2) at Haydock (3m, £7418, good to soft, Dec 10). DESERT ORCHID (11-5) returned to form winning well by 12l from Charcoal Wally (11-5) at Ascot (2m, £6801, good, Dec 13, 8 ran). DOOR LATCH (11-1) won easily 15l from Sign Again (10-3) at Ascot (3m, £13789, good, Dec 13, 12 ran). FORGIVE'N FORGET last year in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (12-0) 3rd beaten 3½l by Dawn Run (11-9) with WAYWARD LAD (12-0) 2nd beaten 1l (3m 2f, £54900, good, Mar 13, 11 ran). WESTERN SUNSET (11-1) won 5l from Half Free (11-9) with VON TRAPPE (11-1) 3rd beaten 8l at Huntingdon (2m 5f, £5840, good to soft, Nov 25, 3 ran). WAYWARD LAD has won this race three times. Latest (12-0) 2nd beaten 1½l by Burnt Oak (10-2) at Doncaster (3m 2f, £5208, good, Dec 13, 5 ran). Earlier this year (11-10) 3rd beaten 5½l to FORGIVE'N FORGET (11-10) with CYBRANDIAN (11-2) 2nd beaten ½l at Wetherby (3m, £9408, soft, Nov 1, 6 ran).
Selection: WAYWARD LAD

**2.45 HAVEN NOVICE HURDLE** (3-Y-O: £2,758: 2m 4f) (17 runners) C 4

502 413134 TURN'EM BACK JACK (B) (T Liang) A Bailey 11-5 A Carroll 73 12-1
503 1 ALARM CALL (D) (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-0 M Dwyer 98 F5-2
504 201 FRAMLINGTON COURT (L Smith) P Walwyn 11-0 P Scudamore 87 8-1
505 313 RAFFLES ROGUE (D) (D Redmile) M Camacho 11-0 G Bradley 90 13-2
507 4 ADBURY (BF) (Roy Bishop & Son Ltd) R Smyth 10-9 Dale McKeown (7) 72 6-1
508 4 AGATHIST (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 10-9 S Sherwood ● 99 7-2
509 00 ARABIAN BLUES (W Bradley) B Stevens 10-9 — 74 20-1
510 0F BARBERSHOP QUARTET (Mrs D Pappin) P Mitchell 10-9 Mr D Bennyworth — 20-1
511 00 DOUBLER (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neill 10-9 R Chapman (4) — 33-1
512 FRUITY O'ROONEY (D Harrison) J Sayers 10-9 C Brown — 20-1
514 22 KING JACK (J Leat) N Henderson 10-9 S Smith Eccles 92 7-2
515 0 MASNOON (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 10-9 — — 16-1
516 00 RIVER GAMBLER (J Rolls) P Cundell 10-9 R J Beggan 71 20-1
517 040 TURN FOR TH'BETTER (V) (Mrs L Quick) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-9 — 65 20-1
518 WILLOW GORGE (Miss B Sanders) Miss B Sanders 10-9 — — 33-1
519 BRIDE (J Clark) P Butler 10-4 — — 33-1
520 00 POPTHORN (T Thorn) J Bridger 10-4 G Moore — 33-1

1985: SYLVAN JOKER 11-0 R Dunwoody (11-4 fav) P Mitchell 12 ran

**FORM** ALARM CALL (10-7) won well 6l from Carousel Rocket (10-12) with RAFFLES ROGUE (10-12) 3rd, lacked pace close home, beaten 8l at Doncaster (2m 4f, £2712, good, Dec 12, 11 ran). FRAMLINGTON COURT (10-12) won well 3l from Forcello (11-4) at Ludlow (2m, £853, good to soft, Dec 15, 18 ran). ADBURY (10-3) 4th beaten 22l to Arrow Express (10-10) at Windsor (2m, £810, good, Nov 8, 20 ran). AGATHIST (11-0) 4th in a good contest beaten 3¾l to the useful Ghofar (11-3) at Cheltenham (2m, £4266, good, Dec 6, 9 ran). KING JACK (11-0) 2nd beaten 7l to the highly rated Mareth Line (11-0) at Lingfield (2m, £6427, soft, Dec 6, 16 ran).
Selection: ALARM CALL

**3.15 HAVEN ABROAD HANDICAP HURDLE** (£3,241: 2m) (13 runners)

602 1200-43 YABIS (CD,BF) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 5-11-7 P Scudamore 94 9-2
603 020F-10 HYPNOSIS (CD) (Maj G Snell) D Elsworth 7-11-1 C Brown 98 5-1
604 111-100 ORYX MINOR (CD) (R Trumper) S Mellor 6-11-1 G Landau (4) 97 12-1
605 03121/ POLAR BEAR (D) (Miss C McCulloch) O Sherwood 6-11-0 S Sherwood — 12-1
606 433000- TERRYASH (D) (S Brown) J Francome 7-10-11 B de Haan 95 14-1
607 00/3022- ADMIRALS RULER (D) (W Ponsonby) F Walwyn 6-10-10 R Chapman (4) 98 10-1
609 1000-10 YOUNG NICHOLAS (D) (B Durham) N Henderson 5-10-8 S Smith Eccles ● 99 8-1
610 214/8-00 WELSH WARRIOR (H Joel) A Turnell 6-10-3 Steve Knight — 16-1
611 2314-B3 JIMMY LORENZO (J De Mestre) P Hedger 4-10-2 M Richards 96 16-1
612 PP-223P LIFE GUARD (D) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 5-10-0 — 95 16-1
614 02FF3/U EASTER LEE (D,BF) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 6-10-0 — — F7-2
615 12/32-03 APRIL PRINCE (P Fowler) F Winter 5-10-0 V Kennedy (7) 91 16-1
617 0010PP- EL GALILEO (D) (J South) J Jenkins 4-10-0 R Rowe 85 20-1

1985: YABIS 4-10-8 P Scudamore (7-1) J Edwards 10 ran

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per Cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F Winter | 33 | 137 | 24.1 | R Rowe | 18 | 97 | 18.6 |
| F Walwyn | 16 | 74 | 21.6 | S Smith Eccles | 11 | 90 | 12.2 |
| J Gifford | 24 | 121 | 19.8 | P Scudamore | 19 | 157 | 12.1 |
| N Henderson | 12 | 70 | 17.1 | H Davies | 8 | 69 | 11.6 |
| A Turnell | 9 | 69 | 13.0 | | | | |
| D Elsworth | 7 | 65 | 10.8 | | | | |

Only qualifiers

## WETHERBY

### Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 High Plains. 1.30 Bishops Yarn. 2.00 Taelos. 2.30 String Player. 3.00 Repington. 3.35 Atkinsons.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 Repington.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 MR FRISK.

**Going: soft**

**1.0 CHRISTMAS NOVICE HURDLE** (4-Y-O: £2,101: 2m) (18 runners)

1 01 HIGH PLAINS (D) (H Mould) D Nicholson 11-7 R Dunwoody 96 F5-2
2 0031 KILLARY BAY (D) (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 11-7 N Tinkler 88 6-1
5 412 ROYAL GREEK (D,BF) (J Renson) Mrs M Dickinson 11-7 J D Davies (7) 95 8-1
7 00 BOSCHENDAL (A Batey) A Batey 11-0 N McCormack 74 12-1
8 BOTANY BLADE (K Hanson) M Avison 11-0 R Marley (7) — —
12 DYNASTIC BIT (G Vergette) G Vergette 11-0 — — —
16 JACK DASH (W G Turner) D Lee 11-0 — — —
17 PP-0 MAIN REASON (V) (F H Lee) F H Lee 11-0 S Holland — —
19 0F-0 MR GARDINER (F Barlow) M Naughton 11-0 — 86 —
22 ROCKMARTIN (M D M Racing Ltd) C Thornton 11-0 D Wilkinson — —
23 02F RODNEY BAY (R Scott) J Blundell 11-0 A J Quinn (7) 85 10-1
24 ROSSKOVA (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 11-0 R Lamb — —
27 SOME CASH (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 11-0 Mr T D Smith (7) — —
28 2 SPARK OF PEACE (B Cahill) P Blockley 11-0 N Fearn (7) 92 —
31 TRESIDDER (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 11-0 L Wyer — 14-1
32 32 WEARDALE (W Robinson) Denys Smith 11-0 C Grant ● 98 4-1
34 DON'T DESPAIR (J R Turner) J R Turner 10-9 Miss A Beaumont (7) — —
37 40 WARCHANT (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 10-9 M Pepper 77 10-1

1985: (Div 1) OLD NICK 11-0 R O'Leary 7-2 J Hanson 11 ran.
(Div II) DONNA FARINA 4-10-2 Mr J Quinn 14-1 G Richards 9 ran.

**1.30 TOWNTON HANDICAP CHASE** (£3,785: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 4F-1334 VOICE OF PROGRESS (M Vestey) D Nicholson 8-12-0 — 96 —
2 P21P-F0 RYEMAN (B) (D Salter) M H Easterby 9-11-11 L Wyer 98 8-1
3 33-01P1 DURHAM EDITION (R Oxley) W A Stephenson 8-11-6 (5ex) R Lamb 93 7-2
8 F1321-1 BISHOPS YARN (British Thoroughbred) G Balding 7-10-11 (5ex) — ● 99 F6-4
9 024P0-3 RICHDEE (C) (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 10-10-2 C Hawkins 98 5-1
10 0/124PP- EMANDAR (H Ryder) H Wharton 7-10-0 S Youlden (4) 92 20-1
11 012132 CENTRE ATTRACTION (BF) (Mrs V Mason) G Richards 7-10-0 P Tuck 93 7-1
12 12-13343 BOOK OF KELLS (R Beeson) J Blundell 11-10-0 A J Quinn (7) 80 16-1

1985: (3m 100yd) MISTY SPIRIT 6-10-2 A Stringer (7-4 jt-fav) D Lee 4 ran

**2.0 JOHN HAGGAS MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE** (£3,882: 3m 100yd) (5 runners)

2 11211 MR FRISK (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 7-11-8 A Jones ● 99 F5-4
3 F0-1121 OAKEN (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 5-11-7 C Grant 94 9-2
7 1120-21 YAHOO (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-5 L Wyer 87 4-1
12 323 LET HIM BY (T Pinting) D Nicholson 6-11-1 R Dunwoody — 12-1
16 04112-1 TAELOS (D Holt) G Richards 5-11-5 (5ex) P Tuck 95 7-2

1985: STRANDS OF GOLD 6-11-6 R O'Leary (Evens fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6 ran

**2.30 BICKERTON HANDICAP HURDLE** (£3,986: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 20-40F0 EMO FOREVER (V,D) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 6-11-12 — 96 —
4 01-112 WITHY BANK (D,BF) (L Smith) M H Easterby 4-11-4 L Wyer 96 F2-1
5 2-38111 STRING PLAYER (D) (F H Lee) F H Lee 4-11-4 (5ex) S Holland 92 9-4
7 1F-0003 OLD NICK (D) (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-3 C Grant 83 12-1
9 11-0004 SECRET WALK (D) (Hathaway Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 5-10-8 R Lamb 94 14-1
11 3/38000- CAMIONNAGE (Brian Yeardley) E Carter 5-10-5 M Pepper 97 —
12 0-00022 HARLEY (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 6-10-1 P Tuck ● 99 6-1
14 21100-P ASTRAL LADY (CD) (Mrs C Dook) Mrs C Dook 5-10-0 D Shaw 95 8-1
15 B140-00 BURLEY HILL LAD (D) (B Cahill) P Blockley 6-10-0 N Fearn (7) 91 10-1
16 00400- BALLI SPRINGS (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 4-10-0 R Marley (7) 84 —

1985: SHEPHERD'S HYMN 4-10-9 R Crank (4-1) T Bill 6 ran

**3.0 ROWLAND MEYRICK HANDICAP CHASE** (£7,293: 3m 100yd) (8 runners)

1 PP-2212 CYBRANDIAN (I Bray) M H Easterby 8-11-13 L Wyer 98 4-1
4 6F11-04 THE THINKER (T P B McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-11-6 R Lamb 83 10-1
6 1323-10 STRANDS OF GOLD (CD) (Independent Twine) J Fitzgerald 7-10-10 C Grant 91 6-1
7 1100-03 CROSS MASTER (Harlow Bros) T Bill 9-10-9 R Crank 88 8-1
8 1F02-10 THE LANGHOLM DYER (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 7-10-8 P Tuck ● 99 9-2
9 F11-011 REPINGTON (C) (J Gilman) N Crump 8-10-4 (8ex) C Hawkins 98 3-1
10 40-111F GRINDERS (CD,BF) (Needhams Butchers) E Carter 8-10-0 M Pepper 94 8-1
13 FP2PP-3 KUDOS (J Blundell) J W Blundell 11-10-0 A J Quinn (7) 86 20-1

1985: FORTINA'S EXPRESS 11-10-6 C Hawkins (14-1) W A Stephenson 5 ran

**3.35 BOXING DAY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE** (£685: 2m) (13 runners)

2 130 LODDON LAD (D) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 4-11-10 R Dunwoody 89 14-1
7 144 SICILLIAN PASSAGE (D) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 4-11-0 — 97 —
8 00/340-0 SAVOIR VIVRE (T Wilson) M W Easterby 5-11-0 — 90 12-1
12 110P01 ATKINSONS (D) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 5-11-2 (7ex) P Tuck 97 F5-2
13 000-1 MOSSBERRY FAIR (D) (R Dineen) W Haigh 5-10-7 C Hawkins 89 7-2
20 004210 BLACK RIVER (D,BF) (Mrs D Brewster) M H Easterby 5-10-3 L Wyer 96 6-1
22 PF0-430 CURRAGUI (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-10-1 C Grant ● 99 9-2
24 0/000-04 SKYBOOT (Mrs B Robinson) E Carter 7-10-0 M Pepper 93 10-1
25 330-400 MRS CHRIS (CDL 44 Foods Ltd(Mr Chris)) M Naughton 4-10-0 — 89 12-1
28 3020P/0 MUSIC SEASON (K Bridges) G Rowlands 6-10-0 D Wilkinson — —
29 3304/00- WHISTLING STELLAR (Mrs P Avison) M Avison 5-10-0 R Marley (7) — —
31 0000 GOLDEN TUPENCE (Mrs G Armitage) D Lee 5-10-0 — — —
32 000/ MELWAY BOY (K Bownes) S Bowring 5-10-0 D Shaw — —

1985: No Corresponding Race

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per Cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs M Dickinson | 8 | 35 | 22.9 | R Lamb | 27 | 157 | 17.2 |
| Jimmy Fitzgerald | 21 | 104 | 20.2 | C Grant | 27 | 171 | 15.8 |
| M H Easterby | 33 | 167 | 19.8 | P Tuck | 15 | 142 | 10.6 |
| W A Stephenson | 43 | 250 | 17.2 | | | | |
| M W Easterby | 13 | 82 | 15.9 | | | | |
| G Richards | | | | | | | |

Only qualifiers

## HUNTINGDON

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Scaliscro. 1.15 Page Of Gold. 1.45 Weight Problem. 2.15 Broken Wing. 2.45 Cole Porter. 3.15 Mister Christian.

**Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)**

**12.45 ST IVO NOVICE HURDLE** (Div I: £1,039: 2m 5f 50yd) (15 runners)

2 4P01 SANDYLA (B) D Thom 5-11-7 —
3 0P-0 ADRAL J Gifford 5-11-0 E Murphy
4 00 AH HELLO J Jenkins 5-11-0 F Leavy
7 220- GAMESMANSHIP R Hartop 5-11-0 P Warner
9 0004 HAYASHI G Gracey 5-11-0 Miss Z Davison (7)
10 -F0F HILL O'PONDS D Gandolfo 7-11-0 —
12 0P0- MYLECONE G Enright 5-11-0 C Warren (7)
15 0/0- POLAR ICE J Harris 10-11-0 J A Harris
16 0 SCALISCRO (BF) N Henderson 5-11-0 M Bowlby (4)
18 00 WOOLMANS J Scallan 7-11-0 M Furlong
19 WORSTEAD TYCOON M Tompkins 5-11-0 —
20 00-0 BALLYANHAGH (B) Mrs P Sly 5-10-9 M Bastard
22 0-00 KHARAB BIBI R Dickin 5-10-9 C Jones
23 0-0 MISS TOPEM C Miller 5-10-9 G Mernagh
25 0-0U SISTER CLAIRE Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-9 —

9-4 Scaliscro, 3-1 Sandyla, 4-1 Adral, 8-1 Ah Hello, 10-1 Gamesmanship, 12-1 Hayashi, 16-1 others

**1.15 PEPYS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,421: 2m 5f) (13)

1 F021 GEE-A (CD) G Hubbard 7-11-13 Miss G Armytage (4)
4 21F2 OGDEN YORK (D) J Francome 5-11-4 P Warner
6 2-00 PAGE OF GOLD D Gandolfo 6-10-7 —
8 -43F TARCONEY P Cundell 6-10-4 A Gorman
9 23F0 HOPEFUL KYBO J Gifford 6-10-3 E Murphy
14 3P-P FALKLAND HERO J Webber 7-10-0 G Mernagh
18 -004 NEVEROF G Gracey 6-10-0 —
19 PPP0 MUXLOW Mrs R Williams 8-10-0 M Hoad (7)
22 0333 HOPEFUL CHIMES R Dickin 7-10-0 C Jones
23 4-PP ALANGROVE SOUND A J Wilson 8-10-0 —
24 0/00 HIMALAYA G Hartigan 5-10-0 J Barlow
25 F003 FADING DAWN P Butler 9-10-0 R Goldstein
27 /0-0 BANK LAW K Wingrove 10-10-0 —

11-4 Ogden York, 7-2 Gee-A, 4-1 Hopeful Kybo, 7-1 Tarconey, 8-1 Hopeful Chimes, 10-1 Falkland Hero, 14-1 others

**1.45 ST IVO NOVICE HURDLE** (Div II: £1,035: 2m 5f 50yd) (17)

2 -104 SUPER ENERGY J Gifford 5-11-7 E Murphy
3 2-0 AUGHWILLIAM D Gandolfo 6-11-0 —
5 0 BYWAYS BOY W Hackett 6-11-0 M Bastard
6 -P04 COUNTRY CAP R Townsend 5-11-0 Mr D Townsend (7)
8 002 ESPERO C Miller 5-11-0 P Double
9 00 FOCHE J Webber 5-11-0 G Mernagh
10 0 GAY MOORE M Robinson 5-11-0 Miss C Beasley
13 /PP0 KNOCK HARD J Francome 7-11-0 M Bowlby (4)
14 P00/ MAXI MOMENT N Stevens 7-11-0 —
15 0 NODALOTTE J Spearing 6-11-0 P Warner
17 4 PRINCE OF PROMISE R Scholey 5-1-10 P Dennis (4)
18 B0 RAILWAY TRACK T Forster 5-11-0 Miss G Armytage (4)
19 1222 WEIGHT PROBLEM Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-0 —
22 0-03 CROGHAN STAR F C Lees 5-10-9 —
23 0/00 GOLDEN SHERRY J Scallan 7-10-9 M Furlong
25 0040 PLATINUM BLOND R Carter 5-10-9 —
26 0000 TRUE POETRY D Underwood 5-10-9 —

3-1 Weight Problem, 100-30 Super Energy, 9-2 Aughwilliam, 8-1 Croghan Star, 8-1 Espero, 12-1 others

**2.15 CHATTERIS HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,330: 3m) (13)

3 131B BROKEN WING (B) N Henderson 6-11-9 M Bowlby (4)
10 11-P SOUTHERN PRINCE (C) H Hodge 7-10-13 Mr T Moore (7)
11 /F-0 MISTER SKIP J Webber 7-10-13 G Mernagh
12 P033 KAMIR (C) A Jarvis 5-10-13 —
14 3303 SCOTS NOGGER (C) J Spearing 11-10-10 P Warner
15 1123 DEBT FOLLOWER (D,BF) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-10 —
16 232U RIG STEEL P Cundell 6-10-10 A Gorman
17 400U HILL OF SLANE (D) A Jarvis 10-10-6 T Jarvis
18 P-F3 SUNY ME R Scholey 8-10-6 P Dennis (4)
22 4032 DENSTON (B) D Underwood 9-10-0 —
23 F-P0 POLAR EXPRESS (CD) W King 11-10-0 H Jenkins (7)
25 24U1 RHYMER'S TOWER G Hubbard 7-10-0 (5ex) Miss G Armytage (4)
27 P/4P POOR EXCUSE P Butler 11-10-0 R Goldstein

7-2 Broken Wing, 4-1 Debt Follower, 5-1 Rig Steel, 13-2 Kamir, 8-1 Scot's Nogger, 10-1 Rhymer's Tower, 16-1 others

**2.45 BOXING DAY HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,690: 2m 200yd) (7)

4 1113 HOPE END (BF) R Dickin 8-11-7 C Jones
10 003F TIERENEE T Bill 8-10-8 C Kellett (7)
11 3002 COLE PORTER (C) M Banks 11-10-5 D Skyrme (7)
12 00F- SOME SHOT J Webber 7-10-3 G Mernagh
16 4P24 PALATINATE G Hartigan 8-10-0 J Barlow
17 0022 SMILING CAVALIER A Madwar 10-10-0 —
18 P60P MARUBENI T Rollingson 9-10-0 —

5-2 Tierenee, 3-1 Hope End, 4-1 Cole Porter, 6-1 Smiling Cavalier, 8-1 Some Shot, 12-1 Palatinate, 16-1 others

**3.15 EBF OUSE HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,047: 2m 100yd) (9)

1 13-U LAFOSSE Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10 —
4 0204 AUNTIE DOT J Webber 5-11-8 G Mernagh
8 -199 KEYBOARD KING D A Wilson 5-10-6 —
11 0320 DEBBIES PRINCE (BF) C Bravery 5-10-0 —
12 0-40 I'M SOMEBODY R Hodges 4-10-0 —
13 -321 MISTER CHRISTIAN (B) P Haynes 5-10-2 (7ex) —
14 /0P0 HAZEL NUT M Banks 6-10-0 D Skyrme (7)
15 P000 CADEBY R Scholey 5-10-0 P Dennis (4)
16 -000 KAYE-WOOD Mrs M Thomas 6-10-0 —

7-4 Mister Christian, 5-2 Lafosse, 4-1 Auntie Dot, 7-1 Keyboard King, 12-1 Debbies Prince, 14-1 others

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Gifford 30 winners from 157 runners, 19.1%; D Gandolfo 12 from 65, 18.5%; J Spearing 7 from 38, 18.4% (only three qualifiers).
JOCKEYS: E Murphy 8 winners from 34 rides, 23.5%; J Barlow 6 from 96, 6.3% (only two qualifiers).

## NEWTON ABBOT

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 The Bakewell Boy. 1.15 Gold Tycoon. 1.45 Porto Irene. 2.15 Spiders Well. 2.45 Broadheath. 3.15 Arena Auction.

**Going: heavy**

**12.45 SOUTH WEST NOVICE HURDLE** (£2,558: 2m 150yd) (16 runners)

2 3224 HANDY LANE (CD) L Kennard 5-11-1 B Powell
9 0-P0 CONTEC PRINCE B Forsey 4-11-0 —
10 P COURT RAPIER K Bishop 4-11-0 —
11 00 DERRYRING B Smart 4-11-0 NON-RUNNER
13 00 FILM CONSULTANT J Bosley 4-11-0 C Cox (4)
15 IMADYNA D Barons 4-11-0 P Nicholls
22 0- PIRATES PUNCH G Maundrell 7-11-0 Mr G Maundrell
29 P TAMBLIN W R Williams 4-11-0 —
31 02 THE BAKEWELL BOY R Frost 4-11-0 J Frost
33 -P31 TUDOR SQUIRE D Tucker 9-11-0 —
35 -P00 WIMBLEBALL J Payne 6-11-0 —
37 2-02 FILL THE JUG P Rodford 5-10-9 C Gray
41 /P00 MILLERS WAY W Turner 7-10-9 Tracy Turner (7)
42 00 MISHY'S STAR J Forte 4-10-9 —
43 F SHIMMERING GOLD N Kernick 5-10-9 M Yeoman (7)
44 0 TOUCH OF LUCK Mrs A Knight 4-10-9 George Knight

5-2 The Bakewell Boy, 11-4 Handy Lane, 9-2 Tudor Squire, 5-1 Fill The Jug 8-1 Pirates Punch, 12-1 Wimbleball, 16-1 others

**1.15 MID DEVON NOVICE CHASE** (£3,277: 2m 5f) (14)

2 002F BELLIVER PRINCE (CD) J Baker 6-11-4 B Wright
5 -201 GOLD TYCOON J Spearing 7-11-4 A Webb
6 9000 AIR SPACE (B) R Hodges 7-11-0 —
11 203P EASTERN LINE J Baker 8-11-0 —
13 0006 FLYING TENDERFOOT (B) P Bailey 5-11-0 —
14 R0/0 HASTY BOY J Roberts 6-11-0 C Gray
17 P2P- JOHNRUMS W Dennis 9-11-0 —
21 4PPP PRINCE BUSKINS F Gorman 11-11-0 —
23 4-F2 ROYAL HARBOUR O Sherwood 6-11-0 C Cox
29 2023 CAMEBELLE (B) N Mitchell 8-10-9 B Powell
35 -0U4 GO PENTA N Ayliffe 6-10-9 M Ayliffe
36 6/09 LAPLEIGH RIDGE T Keenor 9-10-9 R Millman
37 40-0 LILLE B Forsey 7-10-9 —
38 -P6P MAJOR SYMPHONY J Honeyball 8-10-9 —

5-4 Gold Tycoon, 7-2 Camebelle, 5-1 Royal Harbour, 6-1 Johnrums, 8-1 Lille, 10-1 Belliver Prince, 12-1 others.

**1.45 CHRISTMAS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE** (£641: 2m 150yd) (10)

1 4401 CAREEN M Pipe 5-11-10 S Crook (7)
3 30P0 WHOEVER D Barons 4-11-0 P Nicholls
6 442- STOLFORD (B) R Pocock 6-10-8 P Richards
7 -0F3 CATMAN (B) N Mitchell 5-10-6 —
9 42F9 PORTO IRENE D Tucker 6-10-5 —
10 0/00 RIDGEWAY GIRL J Parfitt 6-10-5 R Pusey
13 P80 GALLOIS BOSQUET C Popham 5-10-3 —
14 /U0P I APPEAL D Tucker 5-10-1 R Sparks (7)
16 060- SHARAZOUR Mrs S Roberts 8-10-0 —
19 -041 SOME MOOR R Hodges 6-10-0 B Powell

6-4 Careen, 3-1 Whoever, 11-2 Stolford, Some Moor, 12-1 Porto Irena, 14-1 Ridgeway Girl, 25-1 others.

**2.15 THURLESTONE HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE** (£3,044: 2m 5f 110yd) (18)

1 F-20 CIMA J Old 8-12-0 —
5 1/24 SPIDER'S WELL (BF) D Barons 10-11-3 P Nicholls
6 3200 AMADIS L Kennard 6-11-3 B Powell
8 21-6 PRINCE'S DRIVE B Paling 8-10-11 C Evans (4)
10 0-60 ONE FOR MAMMY (CD) C Roach 5-10-7 R Millman
12 -022 SUPER GRASS (BF) B Smart 7-10-6 C Cox (4)
13 0-00 ROYAL CRAFTSMAN A Dunn 5-10-5 —
15 102- CHALKIES PET D Wintle 6-10-4 A Carroll
20 -330 GERRY DOYLE R Barber 8-10-0 —
21 0004 SUNSHINE-GAL (B,CD) P Bowden 8-10-0 R Dennis (4)
22 423P KINGTOR (CD) D Barons 5-10-0 N Hawke (7)
23 1001 MOU-DAFA M Pipe 6-10-0 (7ex) —
26 -001 BELLEKINO R Frost 5-10-0 C Hopwood (7)
28 00/0 JOWOODY J Francome 6-10-0 J Frost
29 P13/ CHARLEMOUNT C Luxton 9-10-0 —
31 P0-4 DAMPIER J Baker 9-10-0 —
32 34P0 GETTING PLENTY (CD) F Gorman 7-10-0 —
33 008- RAJA KHAN D Tucker 5-10-0 —

11-4 Cima, 3-1 Spider's Well, 9-2 Amadis, 6-1 Super Grass, 8-1 Royal Craftsman, 10-1 One For Mammy, 12-1 others.

**2.45 LANGSTONE CLIFF HOTEL CHASE** (Limited handicap: £3,028: 3m 2f 100yd) (10)

1 B110 BROADHEATH (CD) D Barons 9-12-0 P Nicholls
2 11-3 SACRED PATH O Sherwood 6-10-10 C Cox (4)
3 1-10 MEISTER (CD) J Old 6-10-7 —
4 11F- HARVEST FORTUNE (B,CD) P Hobbs 6-10-7 Peter Hobbs
8 P-3P TRISKA (B) L Kennard 10-10-7 B Powell
9 41-P TARVILLE J Parfitt 8-10-7 R Pusey
10 2102 MAGGIE DEE (CD) R Frost 9-10-7 J Frost
11 041P DELATOR (CD) I Wardle 9-10-7 —
12 0-UU NORTH LANE M Pipe 9-10-7 —
13 0U-9 CHEADLE GREEN T Hallett 9-10-7 D Morris (7)

6-4 Broadheath, 9-4 Sacred Path, 4-1 Meister, 8-1 Maggie Dee, 12-1 Triska, 16-1 Tarville, 33-1 others.

**3.15 SOUTH WEST NOVICE HURDLE** (£2,500: 2m 150yd) (12)

2 0-81 ARENA AUCTION S Pattemore 4-11-6 C Gray
6 3302 KUTATI'S BELLE (CD) D Barons 5-11-1 P Nicholls
10 0P0- CUTTING EDGE B Isaac 6-11-0 R Millman
11 0/0- DARAHEEN SNIPER W Turner 7-11-0 Tracy Turner (7)
14 00 HIGHWAY EXPRESS R Hodges 5-11-0 B Powell
17 0/0- MASTER PARDY Mrs E Scott 7-11-0 —
20 030- ROWLANDS LAD P Hobbs 6-11-0 —
22 03 TANGENT R Frost 6-11-0 J Frost
24 CHATTY LASS K Bishop 4-10-9 —
25 00 DODDYCROSS T Hallett 4-10-9 B Wright
27 24-2 GOOSE GREEN W R Williams 6-10-9 —
28 FP KIMBERLEY ANN F Gorman 5-10-9 —

2-1 Tangent, 5-2 Kutati's Belle, 5-1 Doddycross, 11-2 Arena Auction, 7-1 Goose Green, 12-1 Cutting Edge.

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Elsworth, 18 winners from 67 runners, 26.9%; M Pipe, 41 from 220, 18.6%; D Barons, 19 from 122, 15.6%; J Old, 12 from 87, 13.8%; L Kennard, 19 from 144, 13.2%; J H Baker, 13 from 102, 12.7%

JOCKEYS: R Dennis, 11 winners from 71 rides, 15.5%; P Nicholls, 11 from 90, 12.2%; R Millman, 11 from 91, 12.1%; P Richards, 14 from 129, 10.9%; J Frost, 20 from 229, 8.7%.

## SEDGEFIELD

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Mesa Kid. 1.15 Doughty Rebel. 1.45 Bally-Go. 2.15 Go on Joe. 2.45 Maggies Girl. 3.15 Hot Plate.

**Going: good to soft**

**12.45 HARDWICK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE** (£552: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

2 -111 GODS WILL (B) B Richmond 7-11-8 —
5 2P-3 GROUND MASTER (D) C J Bell 9-11-0 M Meagher
9 0039 GALTRIM (CD,BF) T Bill 7-10-10 J O'Hanlon (7)
10 P041 MESA KID K Morgan 7-10-10 (5ex) —
11 /000 SAGE HAWK R Gray 7-10-9 —
12 3082 PHILLY ATHLETIC (CD) J Kettlewell 4-10-8 S Kettlewell
14 -000 GALLANT NATIVE (B) M Castell 6-10-6 —
15 P2P8 MASTER CROFT D McCain 9-10-5 A Murphy (7)
17 P/0F LANCE OF ST GEORGE J Townson 7-10-2 Miss D Slack (7)
18 4443 DR CORNELIUS (B) F Barton 5-10-1 M Brisbourne
19 0-00 CARLINGFORD BAY (CD) R Gray 7-10-1 G Harker
20 0-00 CANONBURY FLYER G Moore 5-10-1 S Turner (7)
21 00F- RILK N Chamberlain 5-10-0 C Dennis (7)
23 4062 DOMANUS V Thompson 5-10-0 Mr M Thompson (4)
24 2002 BAVAL (CD) D Yeoman 9-10-0 P A Farrell (4)

7-2 Mesa Kid, 4-1 Philly Athletic, 6-1 Gods Will, 8-1 Dr Cornelius, 10-1 Ground Master, 12-1 Baval, 14-1 others.

**1.15 ST STEPHEN HANDICAP HURDLE** (£2,302: 2m 4f) (14)

4 -000 RAPID BEAT W A Stephenson 6-11-7 K Jones
8 3PP- MOUNT RULE (CD) C J Bell 6-11-4 K Cotter (7)
9 2P03 DOUGHTY REBEL (CD) G Richards 5-11-3 J Hansen
11 -000 RAMPANT R Barr 7-10-13 Mr H Brown (7)
12 013- SMART JACK (CD) R Fisher 5-10-11 M Meagher
13 -000 SILENCE PLEASE (B) M Castell 7-10-9 —
15 -008 JOHNSTON'S BABY E Alston 7-10-8 M Alston (7)
16 1/0-0 CLANNAD R Fisher 7-10-8 J O'Gorman (7)
18 34P4 ABSONANT (C,BF) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-6 P Niven
20 42FF SECRET LAKE J Charlton 7-10-3 C Dennis (7)
21 4000 SUNSIA D Lee 5-10-3 G Harker
22 -030 TEUCER (D) V Thompson 6-10-3 Mr M Thompson (4)
24 0-00 WORTHY KNIGHT B McLean 5-10-0 Mr A Orkney
25 3-00 COPY WRITER (B) R Gray 8-10-0 —

11-10 Doughty Rebel, 7-2 Smart Jack, 5-1 Absonant, 8-1 Clannad, 10-1 Secret Lake, 12-1 Rapid Beat, 14-1 others.

**1.45 BRADBURY HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,693: 3m 600yd) (11)

1 P0-4 BALLY-GO Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-10 —
2 1F-F THE BUILDER Mrs G Reveley 7-11-6 P Niven
6 P1P2 CLONROCHE STREAM (CD) V Thompson 7-10-8 (7ex) Mr M Thompson (4)
7 2UP0 DUDIE D McCain 8-10-5 A Murphy (7)
8 -242 MR BAKER J Jefferson 8-10-3 —
9 -330 COTTAGE LEAS (C) M Ellerby 7-10-2 G Harker
10 022U EASTER BRIG G Richards 6-10-2 J Hansen
11 00-F STRAWHILL (CD) E Alston 11-10-1 K Doolan
12 /FP1 DAY OF WISHES W A Stephenson 10-10-1 (7ex) K Jones
15 2002 PURPLE BEAM (CD) T Barnes 7-10-0 J K Kinane
16 04-P BARTON CROSS J Skelton 12-10-0 —

5-2 Bally-Go, 3-1 Day Of Wishes, 9-2 Easter Brig, 6-1 Clonroche Stream, 8-1 The Builder, 10-1 Mr Baker, 12-1 others.

**2.15 RENT ROLL CUP** (Handicap chase: £2,008: 2m) (7)

2 1140 GOWAN HOUSE (CD,BF) W A Stephenson 7-11-7 K Jones
4 -04U ROYAL RADAR (CD) R Gray 10-10-11 D Condell
5 4-03 BORDER KNIGHT (CD) J Haldane 11-10-6 R Earnshaw
8 44FF THE HOWLET (D) K Oliver 7-10-1 J K Kinane
9 1-10 GO ON JOE (CD) J Richardson 12-10-0 Mr A Orkney
10 3212 FRENCH NEPHEW (D) Denys Smith 5-10-0 A Smith (7)
11 -202 POLOKI G Fairbairn 9-10-0 A Murphy (7)

6-4 Border Knight, 3-1 Gowan House, 5-1 French Nephew, 8-1 Poloki, 10-1 The Howlet, 16-1 Go On Joe, 20-1 Royal Radar.

**2.45 BOXING DAY NOVICE CHASE** (£984: 2m 4f) (14)

1 0-14 IMPAGE S Leadbetter 8-11-12 J Hansen
4 PPPP ANOTHER GEAR W A Stephenson 6-11-7 K Jones
5 /U0- BRIG O'BALGOWNIE R Barr 10-11-7 P Niven
6 4P-0 CHAMP CHICKEN D McCain 7-11-7 K Doolan
7 -P0P CHORAL SURPRISE V Thompson 6-11-7 Mr M Thompson (4)
10 -04B HISTORIC HOUSE M Ellerby 11-11-7 —
13 0003 KERSIL J Swiers 9-11-7 —
14 0-F LAKELAND LAD S Payne 7-11-7 J K Kinane
15 1322 MAGGIES GIRL Denys Smith 7-11-7 A Smith (7)
19 12/P SHARP TOR M W Easterby 8-11-7 R Earnshaw
21 4U00 WELSH SPIRIT W A Stephenson 7-11-7 Mr P Johnson (7)
23 0000 GOLDEN TUPENCE D Lee 5-11-6 Mr H Brown (7)
24 0P0- BRIDGIT'S GIRL P Liddle 8-11-2 Mr T Reed
25 0030 HATAU-GIRIE R Swiers 5-11-1 Mr S Swiers (7)

7-4 Maggies Girl, 3-1 Impage, 9-2 Sharp Tor, 6-1 Welsh Spirit, 8-1 Brig O'Balgownie, 12-1 Lakeland Lad, 16-1 others.

**3.15 MORDON NOVICE HURDLE** (3-Y-O: £548: 2m) (5)

1 P00 ALBERT THE GREAT R Gray 10-12 P A Farrell (4)
2 0 BONNE NUIT Denys Smith 10-12 A Smith (7)
3 0 CIRCUS BEAR R Swiers 10-12 Mr S Swiers (7)
4 2 HOTPLATE D McCain 10-12 K Doolan
5 SOLSTITIAL SONG Mrs G Reveley 10-12 P Niven

5-4 Hotplate, 11-4 Bonne Nuit, 9-2 Solstitial Song, 8-1 Circus Bear, 12-1 Albert The Great.

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Fitzgerald, 8 winners from 46 runners, 17.4%; Mrs G Reveley, 10 from 58, 17.2%; Denys Smith, 30 from 186, 16.1%; R Fisher, 22 from 138, 15.9%; G Richards, 15 from 111, 13.5%; W A Stephenson, 46 from 342, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 11 winners from 39 rides, 28.2%; R Earnshaw, 11 from 68, 16.2%; K Jones, 12 from 104, 11.5%.

RACING

# Bradley in confident mood for big race

By John Dorman

"I didn't give him a prayer last year. On the day it was an unbelievable performance, especially on that heavy ground," said Graham Bradley, the down-to-earth Yorkshireman who rode Wayward Lad to a thrilling victory by a neck over Combs Ditch in the King George IV Chase 12 months ago.

"He won over hurdles on heavy going as a five-year-old but we always thought he was a top of the ground horse. In my opinion last year's King George was his best performance ever," Bradley said.

Bradley rides Wayward Lad again on Boxing Day, and although he is more confident than last year, he's certainly not complacent. "There are some very good horses and I think it's a very open race. Wayward Lad is spot on now and has an excellent chance, but Forgive'N Forget is the big danger and will take a lot of beating.

"I know that Peter Scudamore thinks the world of Bolands Cross, and you can never discount Combs Ditch. Another horse I rate very highly is Door Latch. I won on him at Sandown when he was a novice and I've always been impressed by him, even though he makes the odd mistake."

Wayward Lad is currently the 9-2 second favourite for the King George which Bradley reckons is about right. "He's 11 years old now, and he's getting a bit lazy at home, so he needs races to get him fit.

"He wasn't fully wound up at Wetherby earlier in the season, and at Doncaster two weeks ago he was giving away two stone. Nevertheless after we hit the front I thought he would trot up, but he hit the last hard and got a bit tired. Yes, I did take some flack after that race and some of it was justified, but personally I was very pleased with the way he ran."

What of Bradley himself, reckoned by many to be the most stylish jump jockey in the business, but who gets fewer rides than his peers because of his inability to do the low weights?

"I've had 28 winners already this season, so by my standards I'm flying! I missed the first month of the season because I was riding in the United States, and then I was out for another fortnight with a broken wrist. At the moment I can ride at 10st 7lb without having to spend too much time in the sauna, and that suits me well. I'm going for quality rather than quantity."

In 1983, Bradley won that famous Cheltenham Gold Cup on Bregawn when Michael Dickinson saddled the first five home. This year, riding Wayward Lad, he was beaten on the run-in by the great mare Dawn Run.

Wayward Lad will, if all goes well, be aimed at Cheltenham again next March. For the moment, however, Bradley's thoughts are on the King George, and he is quietly confident. "There's none better than Wayward Lad on his day."

# Two-week ban for Carmody

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Tommy Carmody, the champion jump jockey in Ireland, will be watching holiday racing from the grandstand as a result of an adjourned inquiry held by the stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee yesterday afternoon.

Carmody had been referred on to them by the stewards at Punchestown as they were not satisfied with his riding of Dromoland Lad, who finished second there to Bushbury Fox.

Having heard evidence and seen the video recording of the race, the stewards suspended Carmody for two weeks, effective immediately. They suspended the horse for a month and imposed a £500 fine on his trainer, John Mulhern, for his failure to report that the horse had broken a blood vessel at Punchestown earlier in the year. Ironically, Mulhern is one of the main sponsors at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting in his role as managing director of Clayton Love Ltd.

The big attraction at Leopardstown on Boxing Day will be a re-match between Barrow Line and Weather The Storm in the £15,000 Dennys Gold Medal Novices' Chase.

At level weights over 2¼ miles at Fairyhouse, Barrow Line beat Weather The Storm by 2¼ lengths. Now he has to give 8lb away and the shorter trip should suit Weather The Storm slightly the better. However, I was much impressed by the jumping of Barrow Line and believe him to be the best novice chaser seen in Ireland so far this season.

The Duffy Meats Juvenile Hurdle is the most valuable three-year-old hurdle on the Irish calendar and invariably provides some clues to the Triumph Hurdle.

Of those who have won over jumps, the pick appear to be Broussard and Grabel. The former looked something special when going right away from his rivals in the straight at Fairyhouse to beat Demon Fate by eight lengths.

Mick O'Toole believes that blinkers will make a big difference to Full Flow but a bigger danger to Broussard could be the German-bred Simplon who won a well-contested race on the final day of the Irish Flat season here at Leopardstown.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Rosa Gallica, Orchard Mist, Brief Chance, Tarchn, Forever Young, Lucky Vixen, Such Is Life, Royscript.

## WINCANTON

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Perfect Double. 1.00 Bishops Yarn (if abs Clara Mountain). 1.30 Pucks Place. 2.00 Lochrun. 2.30 Fredwel. 3.00 Abu Kadra.

Going: good to soft

**12.30 FATHER CHRISTMAS NOVICE HURDLE** (mares: £957: 2m) (21 runners)

1 /114 PERFECT DOUBLE (CD) D Elsworth 5-11-12 —
2 13F0 ANNIE RA (CD) D Nicholson 4-11-5 —
5 11 SPRING PHILTRE (CD) D Elsworth 4-11-6 P Holley (7)
7 CHATTY LASS K Bishop 4-11-0 S Earle (4)
8 0 COMPELLING D Elsworth 4-11-0 R Arnott
11 2300 EKAYTEE I Wardle 4-11-0 K Townend (7)
12 0300 FORGIVING B Stevens 4-11-0 —
15 00-0 HIGHTOWN FONTANA R Hodges 5-11-0 —
17 HILLY PATH N Brookes 4-11-0 Mr N Brooks
22 F040 LADY FIREPOWER R Holder 4-11-0 —
25 40 MALADICTION Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0 —
29 00 MORPION Mrs E Kennard 4-11-0 —
31 P NEARLY MEDINA N Mitchell 4-11-0 Mr T Mitchell (7)
32 PADRO'S EXPRESS R Hodges 4-11-0 —
33 0/0 RAYNE PARK J Bosley 5-11-0 M Bosley (4)
35 0 SHERDON HUTCH T Forster 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs
38 00 SHUIL RUN T Forster 4-11-0 L Harvey (4)
38 P0P SOVEREIGNTINO I Wardle 4-11-0 —
42 4 TRACKERS JEWEL M Ryan 4-11-0 —
43 TRAVISGLEN STAR P Bowden 5-11-0 —
46 WYSIWYG Miss S Bather 4-11-0 —

13-8 Perfect Double, 2-1 Spring Philtre, 4-1 Trackers Jewel, 8-1 Maladiction, 10-1 Lady Firepower, 16-1 others

**1.0 BOXING DAY HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,124: 2m 5f) (8)

1 1P/P- STRAIGHT ACCORD F Walwyn 11-11-10 S Shilston
2 1-R2 CLARA MOUNTAIN T Forster 7-11-7 L Harvey (4)
3 T2P2 ALLIED NEWCASTLE (C,D) D Elsworth 6-11-8 —
4 21-1 BISHOPS YARN (C) G Balding 7-11-6 (4ex) —
7 -040 THE COUNTY STONE Miss J Thorne 9-10-10 K Mooney
9 3-10 ATATAHO (D) J Roberts 10-10-5 —
11 -303 LUCKY REW (CD) T Bulgin 11-10-4 —
15 4020 MISTER DONUT (BF) R Hodges 8-10-0 —

7-4 Clara Mountain, 7-2 Allied Newcastle, 5-1 The County Stone, 13-2 Straight Accord, 8-1 Lucky Rew, 10-1 others

**1.30 STIRRUP CUP NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE** (£829: 2m) (21)

1 0-23 PUCKS PLACE (BF) N Gaselee 5-11-10 D Browne
3 F/0- TINAHUE ANGEL G Dodge 7-11-8 —
5 0/13 SUPER SPARK (D,BF) S Christian 7-11-1 K Mooney
6 1 RYANS DOVE (D) M Pipe 5-11-1 J Lower (4)
7 F-20 BLOW MY TOP R Holder 7-11-0 —
8 0-00 PHAROAH'S TREASURE M McCourt 5-11-0 —
12 P004 GLENCOMMON J Baker 5-10-9 L Harvey (4)
14 4004 POLAR GLEN R Hodges 5-10-8 —
16 -F01 RUSTY ROC M W Davies 5-10-8 A Price (7)
18 030- ROWLANDS LAD P J Hobbs 6-10-5 Peter Hobbs
19 04-0 TROUT ANGLER Miss P O'Connor 5-10-4 —
21 0U30 DREAMCOAT K Bishop 5-10-4 S Earle (4)
22 0/0- LYSITHEA T Bulgin 5-10-1 —
23 001P MORE ONE WAY (D) R Parker 5-10-1 —
24 -0F3 CATMAN (B) N Mitchell 5-10-0 Mr T Mitchell (7)
25 0040 CAROL'S MUSIC A James 5-10-0 —
27 0-40 MISS BURGUNDY I Wardle 5-10-0 K Townend (7)
29 2030 HOUNSTOUT J Roberts 6-10-0 —
30 P00 GALLOIS BOSQUET C Popham 5-10-0 —
31 24-2 GOOSE GREEN W R Williams 6-10-0 —
32 04/0- MAGUS G Pike 6-10-0 Judy Blakeney (7)

2-1 Pucks Place, 3-1 Super Spark, 5-1 Ryans Dove, 13-2 Blow My Top, 8-1 Polar Glen, 10-1 Rusty Roc, 16-1 others

**2.0 HANGOVER HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,880: 2m) (4)

5 0-10 ROMANY NIGHTSHADE (D,BF) T Forster 10-11-7 L Harvey (4)
7 -231 LOCHRUN (CD) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4 M Perrett
9 -134 AKRAM (CD,BF) R Hodges 8-11-1 —
10 030/ KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (D) F Walwyn 10-10-12 K Mooney

15-8 Lochrun, 11-4 Romany Nightshade, 3-1 Kilbrittain Castle, 4-1 Akram

**2.30 HARRY DUFOSEE HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,211: 3m 1f) (7)

6 4-04 ARDENT SPY R Armytage 9-11-7 Mr M Armytage (7)
7 11F- HARVEST FORTUNE (B) P J Hobbs 6-11-3 Peter Hobbs
9 1P-0 FREDWEL (CD) P Bailey 11-10-13 —
11 4000 GALESBURG (B) N Gaselee 7-10-9 —
12 11-0 PERHAPS LUCKY (C) D Elsworth 9-10-7 —
16 0-UU NORTH LANE (D) M Pipe 9-10-0 —
17 0420 THE FLOORLAYER J Baker 8-10-0 —

3-1 Perhaps Lucky, 4-1 Harvest Fortune, 5-1 Fredwel, 13-2 Ardent Spy, 7-1 Galesburg, 9-1 North Lane, 10-1 The Floorlayer

**3.0 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE** (qualifier: £3,388: 2m 6f) (22)

1 11-4 ATRABATES O Sherwood 6-11-13 R Boucher (7)
2 F-20 CIMA J Old 8-11-6 —
4 3-01 MODEL PUPIL O O'Neill 6-11-3 —
8 0-10 VINO FESTA S Christian 7-10-12 K Mooney
9 -014 RED ROCKY (BF) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12 M Perrett
10 13-0 TABERNA LORD (D) A J Wilson 5-10-11 L Harvey (4)
16 21 BONANZA BOY P J Hobbs 5-10-6 Peter Hobbs
17 0-11 ABU KADRA J Francome 5-10-6 (8ex) D Browne
18 020- GALLANT BUCK (B) D Elsworth 6-10-5 —
22 21-0 PRINCE'S DRIVE B Palling 8-10-3 —
24 -001 TACHADOR (C) R Hodges 5-10-2 (4ex) —
28 -022 SUPER GRASS (BF) B Sman 7-10-0 —
29 0-00 ROYAL CRAFTSMAN A Dunn 5-10-0 —
33 04-P WORK MATE G Pike 7-10-0 —
34 -002 BOLT HOLE (CD) G Doidge 7-10-0 —
35 -330 GERRY DOYLE R Barber 8-10-0 —
40 01-0 WINSOR BOND P Cundell 8-10-0 Mr S Cowley (7)
42 -BF0 ANNA'S MITE R Blakeney 7-10-0 Judy Blakeney (7)
43 -233 KNOBI OBI Miss E Sneyd 7-10-0 —
45 0012 HENRY LANCASTER (BF) T Hallett 7-10-0 —
46 -002 GOLDEN JUNE D Tucker 4-10-0 —
47 -000 TESTING TIMES Miss S Waterman 8-10-0 —

3-1 Abu Kadra, 9-2 Red Rocky, 6-1 Atrabates, 7-1 Model Pupil, 9-1 Vino Festa, 10-1 Bonanza Boy, 20-1 others

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 16 winners from 62 runners, 25.8%; F Walwyn, 17 from 73, 23.3%; T Forster, 14 from 129, 10.9%; K Bishop, 8 from 74, 10.8%.

JOCKEYS: K Mooney, 13 winners from 80 rides, 16.3%. (Only qualifier).

## Trainers' preferences

The following is a list of preferences for those horses doubly declared for Boxing Day meetings. **Huntingdon:** 12.45, Polar Ice; 1.45, Byways Boy, Croghan Star; 2.45, Hope End, Tierenee. **Kempton:** 1.40, Gallant Buck. **Market Rasen:** 1.15, Historic House; 3.15, Music Season. **Newton Abbot:** 2.15, Cima, Prince's Drive, Super Grass, Royal Craftsman, Gerry Doyle. 3.15 Goose Green. **Sedgefield:** 1.15, Silence Please; 2.45, Golden Tuppence. **Wetherby:** 1.30, Bishops Yarn; 2.30, Cammionnage, Burley Hill Lad; 3.0, Cybrandian, Cross Master; 3.35, Loddon Lad, Skyboot, Melway Boy; **Wincanton:** 12.30, Chatty Lass; 1.30, Rowlands Lad, Catman, Gallois Bosquet; 2.30: Harvest Fortune, North Lane. **Wolverhampton:** 12.45: Sicilian Passage, Annie Ra; 1.45, Voice Of Progress; 2.15, Golden Destiny; 3.15, Aughwilliam.

## WOLVERHAMPTON

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Fort Rupert. 1.15 Star Of Ireland. 1.45 Aldro. 2.15 Cantabile. 2.45 Spartan Orient. 3.15 Levantine Rose.

Going: good

**12.45 NETHERTON HANDICAP HURDLE** (4-Y-O: £1,434: 2m) (20)

1 1010 SWING TO STEEL M Pipe 12-2 P Leach
2 0-10 BEL COURSE (CD,BF) Mrs M Rimell 12-1 S Morshead
3 1122 SPANISH REEL (CD,BF) J Edwards 11-13 P Barton
4 -214 FORT RUPERT (D,BF) P Walwyn 11-12 Miss S Lawrence (7)
5 144 SICILIAN PASSAGE (D) D Nicholson 11-2 W Humphreys (7)
6 104- BABY SIGH R Francis 11-2 S J O'Neill
7 01-0 CLERMONT LANE (D) M Tate 11-1 M Bastard
8 4010 TASHONYA (D) B Wells 11-0 W Morris
9 13F0 ANNIE RA (D) D Nicholson 11-0 —
11 00-0 LONDON LEADER (D) R Lee 10-13 B Dowling (7)
12 0002 CAPISTRANO PRINCE (D) F Gray 10-13 P Cooney (7)
15 2000 BUTTS BAY J Old 10-9 C Llewellyn (7)
16 1F44 NABEEH (D) W Clay 10-8 Diane Clay (7)
17 4230 WALMER SANDS J Spearing 10-7 —
18 0U13 COCKALORUM (D) K Morgan 10-3 —
21 04-P SHIPMATE D Ancil 10-1 J Sothern
22 32-3 DUDLEY'S STAR Mrs M Bevan 10-0 C Smith
23 004P ANITA'S APPLE P Felgate 10-0 S Johnson
27 000 JUST SMOKEY W Morris 10-0 —
28 00P- CASTANHEIRO B Cambidge 10-0 Mr J Cambidge (4)

5-2 Spanish Reel, 7-2 Fort Rupert, 9-2 Bel Course, 6-1 Swing to Steel, 8-1 London Leader, 12-1 others.

**1.15 WALSALL HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,465: 2m) (20)

1 41-P CASSIO LIL (D) T Casey 7-12-0 E Buckley (4)
2 01-2 STAR OF IRELAND (D) G Price 6-11-13 —
4 2042 DEADLY GOING (D) K Bridgwater 8-11-10 W Worthington
6 F430 MARCELLINO A J Wilson 10-11-7 B Dowling (7)
9 0000 AMAL LEES HOPE (B,D) G Roe 5-11-6 P McDermott (7)
10 0-41 ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (D) B McMahon 5-11-6 (7ex) —
12 3000 MARINERS DREAM (D) R Hollinshead 5-11-4 P Dever
13 -210 CRUDEN BAY (CD) P Felgate 6-10-13 S Johnson
14 4-00 STORMY MONARCH (D) G H Jones 5-10-13 G Jones
16 010F TRAFFITANZI (D) R Lee 5-10-12 —
17 -020 BATON MATCH (D) J Edwards 6-10-11 P Barton
18 2P00 UNIHOC W G Morris 7-10-10 W Morris
19 1-12 I WONDER WHEN (D)(BF) G Price 5-10-7 —
20 6221 HODAKA (D) B Cambidge 9-10-7 —
21 01-0 END OF THE ROAD (B,D) J Perrett 6-10-7 —
23 /00- MY CHALLENGE (D) K Bridgwater 8-10-6 —
24 4/0U OUTLAW (D) J Edwards 7-10-3 W Knox (4)
25 00/4 TEEJAY (D) P Bevan 7-10-3 —
28 00-1 ALEX CHOICE (D) Mrs M Bevan 7-10-1 C Smith
29 0/00 ROYAL CHARGE (D) D Wellcome 5-10-0 M Bastard

4-1 Star Of Ireland, 9-2 I Wonder When, 5-1 Orbital Manoeuvers, 11-2 Hodaka, 6-1 Baton Match, 10-1 others.

**1.45 HARRY BROWN CHALLENGE CUP** (Handicap chase: £4,162: 2m 4f) (7)

2 1334 VOICE OF PROGRESS (D) D Nicholson 8-11-10 W Humphreys (7)
3 0P-3 CARVED OPAL (CD) F Winter 8-10-12 Mr C Brooks (4)
5 4122 ADMIRAL'S CUP (B) F Winter 8-10-7 —
14 1113 HOPE END (D) R Dickin 8-10-0 —
19 -021 ALDRO W Clay 10-10-0 S J O'Neill
22 003F TIERENEE (CD) T Bill 8-10-0 —
23 84U4 ALICE'S BOY R Francis 5-10-0 —

6-4 Carved Opal, 3-1 Voice of Progress, 7-2 Admiral's Cup, 6-1 Aldro, 10-1 Alice's Boy, 12-1 others.

**2.15 DEEPFIELDS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,415: 2m) (14)

1 -633 CRADLE OF JAZZ J Old 6-11-11 —
2 1104 FLIGHT SHEET (D) P J Jones 10-11-9 C Mann
4 -F0F JUVENILE PRINCE M Oliver 8-11-2 —
5 03-P HOMEOLA Mrs M Rimell 7-11-0 A Sharpe
7 P022 SHANNIE O O'Neill 7-10-10 C Smith
8 0104 CANTABILE (D,BF) Lady S Brooke 7-10-10 —
9 04-0 SPERIAMO (BF) Mrs W Sykes 7-10-9 S Morshead
10 -400 MISTER FEATHERS (B,H) J King 5-10-6 S McNeill
11 40-0 BILLILOV K Bridgwater 5-10-2 W Worthington
12 0-FF GERAMI J Edwards 6-10-1 W Knox (4)
13 0440 SPARTAN NATIVE A W Jones 8-10-0 S J O'Neill
14 -F08 NOBLE BLADE (B) A Nightingale 7-10-0 M Caswell
15 -000 GOLDEN DESTINY K Morgan 7-10-0 —
16 33-0 MIZZIE LIZZIE J Bosley 8-10-0 M Bosley (4)

9-4 Cantabile, 3-1 Shannie, 9-2 Spartan Native, 8-1 Speriamo, 10-1 Homeola, 12-1 Mister Feathers, 14-1 others.

**2.45 OLDBURY HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,679: 3m 1f) (7)

1 0-03 CROSS MASTER (D) T Bill 9-12-7 —
2 1-26 STRATH LEADER J Edwards 8-11-8 P Barton
3 -321 KING JO Mrs M Rimell 6-11-7 —
9 3011 SPARTAN ORIENT J King 10-10-0 (8ex) S McNeill
10 F/FP KING HUSTLER W Clay 9-10-0 —
14 034- COME ON SONNY K White 7-10-0 W Morris
15 /P0P TOUCOR D Ancil 8-10-0 —

9-4 King Jo, 3-1 Spartan Orient, 7-2 Cross Master, 5-1 Strath Leader, 12-1 Come On Sonny, 20-1 others.

**3.15 WREKIN NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE** (£834: 2m 4f) (17)

1 130 LODDON LAD D Nicholson 4-11-12 —
3 1100 BERNISH LADY (D) P Bevan 5-11-3 —
6 -000 SILENCE PLEASE (B) M Castell 7-10-13 J D Doyle (4)
7 2-0 AUGHWILLIAM D Gandolfo 6-10-13 P Barton
8 0009 SMITHY BEAR R Dickin 4-10-12 W Humphreys (7)
9 334- DONAVAN'S CHOICE F Winter 4-10-11 J Duggan
10 0-42 HARLEY STREET MAN C Jackson 5-10-10 R Hyett
13 0-P0 GALTERIO A J Wilson 4-10-7 B Dowling (7)
14 208P VIRGINIA PAGEANT F Gray 4-10-7 P Cooney (7)
16 3013 ANOTHER NORFOLK B McMahon 5-10-5 —
20 0-03 CROGHAN STAR F C Lees 5-10-4 —
21 0030 SMITHY'S CHOICE (B) Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-4 M Williams
23 00-3 LEVANTINE ROSE M Pipe 6-10-2 —
27 -000 ARTESIUM M Wilkinson 4-10-0 —
29 00-0 BILL CORNWALL Mrs I McKie 7-10-0 —
30 02/2 ERRIGAL R Hollinshead 6-10-0 P Dever
33 00/0- POLAR ICE J Harris 10-10-0 —

3-1 Harley Street Man, 7-2 Donavan's Choice, 4-1 Another Norfolk, 11-2 Aughwilliam, 7-1 Bernish Lady, 10-1 others.

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs M Rimell 26 winners from 107 runners, 24.3%; F Winter 5 from 21, 23.8%; J Edwards 13 from 66, 19.7%; J Spearing 10 from 72, 13.9%; D Nicholson 8 from 70, 11.4% (only five qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: S Morshead 26 winners from 131 rides, 19.8%; P Barton 7 from 69, 10.1% (only two qualifiers).

## MARKET RASEN

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Doon Venture. 1.15 Mick's Star. 1.45 Jesto. 2.15 Kevinfort. 2.45 Comeragh King. 3.15 All Fair.

Going: soft

**12.45 RISBY SELLING HURDLE** (£681: 2m) (20 runners)

1 0031 FRIENDLY BEE (D) J Glover 4-11-0 S Harris (7)
2 0-0 CRAIGS VENTURE E Carter 4-10-12 —
3 210 DOON VENTURE (D)(BF) N Tinkler 3-10-12 —
5 0-RP GINA'S MATCH C Spares 4-10-12 K Sims
6 -020 KAMAROCK (B) C Spares 4-10-12 N Carson (7)
10 2P-F REEL GUILT G Moore 4-10-12 M Hammond
11 P000 SHANDON BELLS (BF) J Norton 4-10-12 S Woods (7)
12 FP1 TARA DANCER (V) C Tinkler 3-10-12 A Stringer
13 0004 THE YOMPER (B) J Parkes 4-10-12 J R Quinn (7)
18 CAPISTRANO CLIMAX W Kemp 3-10-5 R Hendericks (7)
17 0 IRISH DILEMMA D Ringer 3-10-5 D Murphy
18 0P JOUSTING BOY M Chapman 3-10-5 S Mitchell (7)
19 0 OPPORTUNITY C Bell 3-10-5 Mr Osborne (7)
20 00 ST NICK A Balding 3-10-5 D Dutton
23 00 CITY LINK COURIER R Hartop 3-10-0 S Keightley
24 20 FANDANGO KISS T Kersey 3-10-0 Susan Kersey (7)
25 F JADE ESSENCE R Peacock 3-10-0 —
26 200F MAHABAD (V) Mrs N Macauley 3-10-0 —
27 00F OUR MUMSIE N Bycroft 3-10-0 —
28 P0 OUR NOORA J Parkes 3-10-0 —

3-1 Reel Guilt, 9-2 Tara Dancer, 5-1 Friendly Bee, 7-1 Craigs Venture, 10-1 Fandango Kiss, Mahabad.

**1.15 BRUCE CARR NOVICE CHASE** (£2,376: 3m) (13)

1 0-11 ALKEPA G Moore 6-12-3 M Hammond
2 F023 BRIGHT SHERRIFF O Brennan 7-11-9 M Brennan
4 20-F DEEP SOUTH Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-9 J J Quinn
5 0-42 MICK'S STAR (BF) M W Easterby 6-11-9 A Stringer
7 P40F SUDBROOKE PARK B Richmond 8-11-9 S Keightley
8 230F MIGHTY DISASTER W Kemp 8-11-6 R Hendricks
9 2214 PRINCE METTERNICH C Bell 5-11-5 Mr J Osborne
11 PU/0 GOLDROY R Peacock 7-11-2 —
12 -04B HISTORIC HOUSE M Ellerby 11-11-2 K Burke
13 -3F3 JON PIPER B Morgan 8-11-2 C Prince (7)
14 P- MILTON PARK J Blundell 6-11-2 D Dutton
17 F/0P SCARLET COON C Pinney 10-10-11 —
18 YOUR DEAD RIGHT R Woodhouse 5-10-10 —

7-2 Mick's Star, 9-4 Alkepa, 7-1 Prince Metternich, 8-1 Mighty Disaster, 10-1 Deep South, 14-1 Bright Sherriff.

**1.45 KILVINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE** (£2,148: 2m 4f) (19)

1 4030 TOPHAMS TAVERNS (B,C,D) G Moore 5-12-3 M Hammond
2 3000 COMEDY FAIR M H Easterby 6-12-3 D Dutton
3 3P-P POONA EXPRESS (C) J Parkes 5-11-10 J R Quinn (7)
4 00-0 DOWN FLIGHT T Caldwell 5-11-2 P Caldwell (7)
5 3-00 JESTO Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-2 J J Quinn
10 000- CAMIONNAGE E Carter 5-10-8 —
12 2430 THE DIPLOMAT (C) W Kemp 8-10-4 R Hendricks
13 P-04 KNIGHT'S HEIR H Whiting 5-10-4 —
14 1040 PADYKIN (C-D) M Chapman 6-10-3 S Mitchell
15 1404 PEACE TERMS G Richards 4-10-2 Mr P Doyle (7)
17 0-00 BURLEY HILL LAD (D) P Blockley 6-10-0 —
18 02-0 HICKLING SQUIRES (C) W Wharton 4-10-0 D Murphy
19 0220 SHAGAYLE (B,D) C Bell 4-10-0 Mr J Osborne (7)
20 -100 FINALE SEPT (C) H Fleming 6-10-0 —
21 0-30 MR STEADFAST (C) J Leigh 4-10-0 P Blackburn
22 2314 KAM HILL O Brennan 4-10-0 (7ex) M Brennan
25 REGAL TOUCH Mrs S Austin 8-10-0 —
27 P/00 KING OF STRESS (C) J Harris 8-10-0 J A Harris
29 U0P- FULL OF DREAMS (V) G Gracey 5-10-0 —

4-1 Jesto, 11-2 Peace Terms, 6-1 Comedy Fair, 7-1 Tophams Taverns, 8-1 The Diplomat, Knights Heir

**2.15 CECIL HAGUE HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,728: 2m) (6)

2 -203 KEVINSFORT (CD, BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-7 J J Quinn
4 121/ TARTAN TRADER (D) G Richards 9-10-8 J R Quinn (7)
5 4130 IMPANY (CD, BF) R Robinson 7-10-7 —
7 P322 PRICE OF PEACE C Bell 8-10-5 Mr J Osborne (7)
8 -03F JIMMYPICK (CD) J Leigh 8-10-5 S Johnson
9 3-PP DOVER H Fleming 6-10-5 D Dutton

9-4 Kevinsfort, 5-2 Prince Of Peace, 4-1 Impany, 6-1 Tartan Trader, 8-1 Jimmypick, 14-1 Dover.

**2.45 LIMBER HILL NOVICE CHASE** (£1,238: 2m) (11)

3 3003 BOREHAM DOWN N Bycroft 7-11-9 —
4 1124 COMERAGH KING (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-9 J J Quinn
61-00B ICEN J Parkes 8-11-9 J R Quinn (7)
7 4P0- LISARDA D Dale 7-11-9 —
9 2-32 RHOECUS (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 7-11-9 M Brennan
15 /0P-P ALAN STUART Mrs R Barrett 6-11-6 —
16 -000 BICKERSTAFFE M W Easterby 5-11-6 A Stringer
17 -000 GOLDEN DESTINY K Morgan 7-11-6 —
20 0-0P BORDEAUX ROUGE E Carter 5-11-3 D Dutton
21 2P0P BRIGHT IMP P Blockley 7-11-1 —
22 -4P0 SILVER CANNON R Woodhouse 4-10-6 —

6-4 Comeragh King, 2-1 Rhoecus, 6-1 Bickerstaffe, 12-1 Boreham Down, 14-1 Bright Imp, 16-1 Silver Cannon, Icen.

**3.15 ACCURATE NOVICE HURDLE** (£1,494: 2m) (17)

1 1 ALL FAIR (D) R Whitaker 5-11-3 M Brennan
2 00-1 ARIZONA DUST Miss L Siddall 5-11-3 —
3 0/21 MALADHU Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-3 J J Quinn
4 2F00 MOONDAWN (D) K Stone 5-11-3 A Stringer
5 210 ST GABRIEL (D)(BF) T Tate 5-11-3 Mr T Tate
7 -024 BAYTOWN COKE B Morgan 6-10-10 C Prince (7)
10 0 BYWAYS BOY W Hackett 6-10-10 —
11 CASH CRISIS J Glover 6-10-10 S Harris (7)
14 3000 GOLDEN BAVARD T Caldwell 5-10-10 P Caldwell (7)
15 0903 GREY CARD (B) M Ellerby 5-10-10 K Burke
17 000/ MELWAY BOY S Bowring 5-10-10 —
18 0P/0 MUSIC SEASON J Rowlands 6-10-10 —
27 0 SEVEN SWALLOWS H Collingridge 5-10-10 —
29 0-04 SKYBOOT E Carter 7-10-10 —
31 PF SWEET ANDY G Gracey 7-10-10 —
32 0 WELL RIGGED (BF) M H Easterby 5-10-10 D Dutton
33 -PP0 DREAM ONCE MORE T Kersey 5-10-5 Susan Kersey (7)

5-2 Maladhu, 11-4 All Fair, 8-1 Grey Card, Well Rigged, 10-1 St Gabriel, 12-1 Moondawn, Arizona Dust.

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs M Dickinson, 12 winners from 22 runners, 54.5%; G Richards, 17 from 58, 29.3%; M H Easterby, 27 from 96, 28.1%; J Fitzgerald, 28 from 124, 22.6%; J Blundell, 20 from 167, 12.0%; O Brennan, 17 from 152 11.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Hammond, 10 winners from 44 rides, 22.7%; D Dutton, 27 from 175, 15.4%; M Brennan, 20 from 221, 9.0%.

## Belgian raider

**Top Belgian stayer, Kuwait Mutar, represents Ostend trainer Charles Guest in Friday's Wings Handicap Hurdle at Kempton Park.**

**The four-year-old, who was originally trained at Epsom by John Sutcliffe, has made the trip because there are no suitable races for him in Belgium. The Kempton authorities are paying towards the cost of the travelling expenses if the horse does not win the equivalent amount in prize money.**

Mitchell Platts remembers the year of Ballesteros, Nicklaus and Norman

# The triumphant triumvirate proudly carry the standard

**The Triumvirate lived in 1986. Not Braid, Taylor and Vardon, of course, but Ballesteros, Nicklaus and Norman.**

**Severiano Ballesteros, a US tour outcast because of a one-year suspension, took the European circuit by the scruff of the neck. He won a record six times, including tying for the Lancôme Trophy with Bernhard Langer, and he officially earned £242,208 for first place in the Epson Order of Merit.**

**Jack Nicklaus, arguably the finest golfer in the history of the game, erupted once more. He flowered again among the azaleas and the dogwood at Augusta where, *for a record sixth time he was* crowned the US Masters champion.**

**Greg Norman came of age at 31. Victory in the Open championship at Turnberry provided the Australian with his first major championship. He became only the second overseas golfer in US tour history to lead the money-list. He competed four times in Britain (the Open, Panasonic European Open, Dunhill Cup and Suntory World matchplay championship) and he won on each occasion. For good measure he completed the year with four victories in his native country.**

**So if professional golf enters 1987 with one vexing question to be answered it is quite simply: who is the No 1 golfer in the world today?**

## Norman brushed with immortality

**The computer categorically declares it to be Norman. In the Sony world rankings he now has 1,216 points which places him 193 points ahead of Langer. Ballesteros (1,003) is third and Nicklaus (392) is 23rd. Most certainly if the difference between greatness and immortality in golf is measured in strokes per round then there can be no question that Norman came within a dozen hits, maybe even a dozen extra revolutions of that 1.68 ball, of establishing himself in 1986 as a true demi-god of the game.**

**He lost the US Masters by one stroke, the US Open by six and the US PGA championship by two. He had led all three, as he did in the Open, moving into the final round. In other words he missed achieving the "Grand Slam" by a matter of inches.**

**The modern day "Grand Slam" as opposed to the two Opens and two Amateur titles that Bobby Jones won in 1930, consists of the US Masters, US Open, British Open and US PGA championship. Ben Hogan won three titles in 1953 and Nicklaus threatened to write another chapter in his astonishing career when he began 1972 by winning the US Masters and the US Open. He, however, was a victim in the Open of Lee Trevino's miraculous recoveries at Muirfield.**

**In truth the "Grand Slam" remains out of reach because even the greatest of golfers are human. For instance Norman paid the ultimate penalty for taking a rowdy spectator to task during the US Open at Shinnecock Hills. He confronted the guilty individual, but he was betrayed by his emotions in much the same way as a galaxy of golfers down the years have forfeited the chance of greatness by becoming impatient victims of a delay on the tee or the click of a camera.**

**There is no reason for any individual *to be ashamed of such irrational losses* of concentration for it is a natural occurrence in sport or, for that matter, in any walk of life. In golf the strain on an individual's control can be exhausting both in mental and physical terms.**



Life in the dogwoods for an old dog: Nicklaus, the Augusta Master again

**That goes some way to explaining how Ballesteros, bowling along in front as if he had nothing to fear, suddenly toppled in Devon Loch style by hitting his second shot into the water at the 15th hole at Augusta in April when the US Masters was his for the taking.**

**It led to one observer after another attempting to unravel the mystery behind such a catastrophic and unlikely blow. The most popular theory, and one that is acceptable and understandable, is that Ballesteros' thoughts momentarily wandered back to the death two months earlier of his father. He was no longer cocooned in concentration, but marooned on a wide expanse of fairway in Georgia and after 68½ glorious holes in that championship, there is little doubt that one lapse cost for him the ultimate goal.**

**Nicklaus, of course, was the beneficiary of Ballesteros's demise. Even so, he won the 20th major championship of his illustrious career with a spectacular sequence of six birdies and one eagle in the last nine rivetting holes. He was doing that in 1962 when Ballesteros was five years old and Norman was seven. Nicklaus continues to win at the highest level and while he might not outlast Ballesteros or Norman, as he has done the likes of Miller, Trevino, Weiskopf and Watson, there is no doubt that his US Masters victory automatically stretched his reign as the king of this sport.**

**Ballesteros, without a major championship success since the Open at St Andrew's in 1984, and Norman, undoubtedly the Golfer of the Year in 1986, remain the pretenders to the throne even if already they must start to look over their own shoulders.**

**Ray Floyd's victory in the US Open in June was a success for experience, but Bob Tway later emerged in the most dramatic fashion by *holing a bunker* shot at the last to overcome Norman for the US PGA championship. Tway is the latest American candidate for stardom, while in Europe Jose-Maria Olazabal is undoubtedly the most exciting prospect to emerge since Ballesteros.**

**In global terms the performances of Rodger Davis (Australia), Mark McNulty (Zimbabwe) and Tommy Nakajima (Japan), who between them won more than 20 tournaments must be applauded.**

**Gordon J Brand's achievement in finishing runner-up in the Open has not received the attention it deserved and Sandy Lyle should not be too concerned following a year in which he moved into new territory by winning for the first time on American soil in the Greater Greensboro Open.**

**Lyle failed to win in Europe, while Howard Clark (Madrid and Spanish Open) and David Feherty (Italian and Bell's Scottish Open) were both double winners, but the 1985 British Open champion can be expected to recover his poise in 1987 when Nick Faldo and Paul Way will surely leave behind their recent disappointing performances. I also expect Ken Brown to make more significant progress after another satisfactory season on the US Tour.**

## A £1m milestone for WPGA tour

**Elsewhere Laura Davies, who finished No 1 in the Ring and Brymer Order of Merit on the WPGA tour in 1985 when she made her debut as a professional, retained that position with the help of winning the British women's Open at Royal Birkdale. Miss Davies, aged 23, has given the tour an enormous boost with her prodigious hitting, but the important point to be recognized *from 1986 is the general improvement in* the standard of play. The £1 million tour is now here and each and every member of the WPGA has played a positive part in making that milestone possible.**

**The highlights of 1987, apart from the major championships, will clearly be the Ryder and Walker Cup matches although in 1986, even if I have left it to last, there can be no question that the performance of the year was that in which Great Britain and Ireland wrested the Curtis Cup from the iron-like clutch of the United States.**

**In winning by a 13-5 margin at Prairie Dunes, Kansas, Great Britain and Ireland not only obtained their first success in the match since 1956, but the first by any British golfing team on the other side of the Atlantic. Diane Bailey, the captain, most certainly inspired the team and she was justifiably proud of all her players who included Belle Robertson, aged 50, and Mary McKenna, who made a record eighth appearance at the age of 37.**

# No replacement for PGA's Snape

The Professional Golfers Association (PGA) will not be filling the post of executive director, recently vacated by Colin Snape. Instead the existing management team at the Belfry headquarters will control PGA affairs and those of the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA), of which Snape was also executive director.

The PGA secretary Malcolm Hulley will head the team, with Bill Done continuing in his role as finance secretary, Sandy Jones acting as regions and tournaments secretary. Chris Gotla, formerly in charge of the PGA south region, will handle WPGA marketing business as part of his new role of marketing secretary.

Chairman Derek Nash, commenting on the decision, said: "The board decided to show its confidence in its present staff who have served the association admirably in the past. We anticipate the moves will end any further speculation about a new executive director of the PGA and WPGA."

The move means the PGA will save around £50,000 a year on their salary bill.

● The first stage of the 1987 Safari golf circuit organised by the PGA European Tour will have £180,000 prize money at stake. Details announced yesterday cover a schedule of three major tournaments in Africa.

They are the Zimbabwe Open, on February 19-22, at the Royal Harare Golf Club, with a prize fund of approximately £50,000, the 555 Kenya Open, on February 26-March 1, at Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi (approximately £70,000), and the Zambia Open, on March 5-8, at Lusaka Golf Club (£60,000). It is proposed that the West African schedule of events for a second stage of the Safari golf circuit will take place late in 1987.

# International for the blind

The keenness and dedication of blind golfers is resulting in their first official international match to be played at Pickett's Lock, Edmonton, on June 27-28 next year.

Terry Wallace, aged 40, the top English blind player from Castle Bromwich, who recently gained a remarkable hole in one, will contest the event along with several other leading players from England and Scotland.

The players' club, the Visually Handicapped Golfers Association, has grown to around 70 members in three years.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Grogan leaves Marino with bitter-sweet taste

By Robert Kirley

Steve Grogan, a replacement quarterback, fired a 30-yard touchdown pass to Stanley Morgan 44 seconds from time to give the New England Patriots the AFC East title with a 34-27 win against the Miami Dolphins in the final game of the regular season in the National Football League.

Grogan, who entered the game after Tony Eason sustained a shoulder injury in the second quarter, also threw a 12-yard scoring pass to Tony Collins and ran for a seven-yard touchdown as last season's New England gained a play-off position against the Denver Broncos, the AFC West champions. Miami's run of five consecutive division championships is over and they have been excluded from the play-offs for the first time since 1980. The Dolphins were runners-up to the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl two years ago.

New England, who *had lost 18* successive games at the Orange Bowl in Miami before the AFC championship game last season, needed to win to reach the play-offs. The result relegated the New York Jets to wild-card status and eliminated the Cincinnati Bengals from the play-offs.

Grogan completed 15 of 24 passes for 226 yards and was intercepted once. Dan Marino, *the Dolphins' quarterback*, connected on 23 of 39 passes for 266 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Marino also established NFL records for completions (363) and attempts (610) in a season.

Miami led 27-20 early in the fourth quarter when Marino completed a 19-yard touchdown pass to Mark Clayton. New England levelled the score at 27-27 midway through the period when Grogan hit Collins in the end zone with the 12-yard scoring toss.

## NFL play-offs

(Regular-season won-lost-drawn records in brackets)

**American conference**

WILD-CARD GAME: Sunday: New York Jets (10-6-0) v Kansas City Chiefs (10-6-0).

SEMI-FINALS: January 3: Cleveland Browns (12-4-0) v New York Jets or Kansas City. January 4: Denver Broncos (11-5-0) v New England Patriots (11-5-0).

**National conference**

WILD-CARD GAME: Sunday: Washington Redskins (12-4-0) v Los Angeles Rams (10-6-0).

SEMI-FINALS: January 3 and 4: Chicago Bears (14-2-0) v Washington Redskins or San Francisco 49ers (10-5-1); New York Giants (14-2-0) v Los Angeles Rams or San Francisco 49ers.

**Conference finals**

AFC and NFC: January 11.

**Super Bowl**

AFC winners v NFC winners: January 25: At the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California.

Eason, who led New England to the Super Bowl last season, completed a 22-yard touchdown pass to Morgan as the Patriots established a 13-10 advantage at *half-time*. Eason's status for the play-offs was unclear. The first half was marred by turnovers — three by Miami and one by New England.

# Western anglers cast a look eastwards

By Conrad Voss Bark

FISHING

**An agreement has been reached between two sport fishing organizations, American and Soviet, to have annual fishing and casting competitions with each other and to sponsor annual conferences of scientists from both countries to discuss fishery protection and development.**

**A deputation from the American conservation organization, Trout Unlimited, met the All-Soviet Society for Hunters and Fisherman in Moscow and Kalinin last season and concluded an agreement which the Americans say will open up fishing trips to the Soviet Union for Western anglers possibly this year.**

**The leader of the American delegation, Stephen Lundy, from Denver, Colorado, said that they had reached an historic agreement. He went on: "We are advised that the Soviet Union has tremendous fishery resources, including large Atlantic salmon; the world's largest Arctic char; the Taiman, which is the largest salmonid in the world; and rainbow and brown trout. Brown trout up to 80lbs were once found in the Capsian Sea but we do not know if this particular species still survives."**

**Most Soviet fishermen use roach poles, fixed lines and worms or maggots for bait, but they use spinners for salmon. Fly fishing is little known. Bait fishing is more productive.**

**When Alexander Wicksteed of *The Times* and Negley Parson of the *Chicago Daily News* went fishing in the Caucasus in the 1920s they came up against an ideological barrier. A Soviet commisar disapproved of fly fishing as capitalist and told them: "Only the worm can be trusted."**

**However Mr Lundy and his delegation from Trout Unlimited believe that as a result of their visit fly fishing will be widely introduced to Soviet fisherman.**

BOXING

# French in title protest

Paris (AP) — The French Boxing Federation has lodged an official protest with the European Boxing Union over the outcome of the recent European light welterweight championship bout between Jean-Marc Renard of Belgium and the Frenchman, Daniel Londas, which ended in a draw. Renard, the defending champion, consequently retained his title.

● Mexico City (Reuter) — Mike Tyson of the United States, the world heavyweight champion *and light welterweight holder* Julio Cesar Chavez were yesterday named boxers of the year by the World Boxing Council (WBC).

CRICKET: ENGLAND HAVE PROBLEMS ABOUT THE BALANCE OF THE ATTACK FOR A MATCH AUSTRALIA MUST WIN TO HAVE A CHANCE OF REGAINING THE ASHES

# Small has claims to replace DeFreitas

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

England will have Ian Botham back in their side for the fourth Test match starting here the day after tomorrow. Several pounds lighter, he came through yesterday's game at Canberra without mishap, scoring some reassuring runs and bowling 10 overs, if only at Underwood's pace. That he still needs to be careful when bowling will have a bearing on the selection of the side.

Assuming Botham plays on Boxing Day, it will presumably be in place of Whitaker rather than Lamb. Deciding, after that, on the best attack may take more time.

Melbourne pitches have a reputation for being more amenable to fast and medium-paced bowling than to spin (this one, too, is grassier than most), so that a case will no doubt be made for leaving out either Edmonds or Emburey to accommodate a third seamer.

I would be against this, basically on grounds of balance. England know just where they are with Emburey and Edmonds, who, if less of a threat in Perth than they were in Brisbane, and in Adelaide than they were in Perth, can still be relied upon to do a steady job.

It is not as though slow bowlers never do well here. India's, for example bowled Australia out for 262 and 308 in the corresponding Test match a year ago.

A wiser change from the side that drew the third Test match would be the inclusion of Small in place of DeFreitas. England came nearest to losing control in Adelaide when DeFreitas was bowling on the first day. The way order was restored was by pairing Edmonds and Emburey, though Gatting, in one of his rare spells, did a good job in this respect.

Being more accurate than Foster, who anyway, needs a bouncier pitch to be at his most effective, Small would again seem a sounder choice as one of four regular bowlers than DeFreitas.

Gatting, for his part, should be prepared to bowl himself more than he did in Adelaide. With a few overs from Botham, concentrating on his length rather than his lustiness, and Edmonds and Emburey also in the side, the options, though not ample, would be reasonably adequate.

It is extraordinary how much cricket has been affected on this tour by the wind. It blew fiercely at times in Brisbane, strongly almost always in Perth, and fiercely again in Hobart the last weekend. Emburey is looking forward to some stiller weather in which to bowl, though the Melbourne Cricket Ground is a great place for gusts and eddies that come from unexpected directions.

The flags can be blowing one way while the wind inside the stadium blows another. The Christmas Day forecast is for some pretty steamy weather with the temperature approaching the 90s.

They are expecting crowds of around 50,000 on the first two days – nothing exceptional for Melbourne – but as many as have watched all five days of each of the first three Test matches.

Four years ago, when England last played here, the total attendance was 214,861. A crowd of 80,000 was expected on the first day then, Australia being two up in the series, and they might have got it but for an estimated 20,000 turning back because entry to the ground was taking 90 minutes. The final figure was 64,051.

As a source of revenue it is much the most important of the Test matches, hence the now prime time at which it is staged. In the days when huge Test crowds could be taken for granted, the MCG used to be reserved over Christmas for the Victoria-New South Wales Sheffield Shield match.

One can but hope that the pitch encourages entertaining cricket. It will be the last to be prepared by Jack Lyons, the curator, who joined the ground staff in 1956. The soil, the climate, the towering, enveloping stands and interference from football combine to make it one of the most thankless jobs of its kind in the world.

As a rule, the pitch is either slow and dead enough to guarantee a dull draw, or sufficiently uneven in its bounce to produce a dour but close struggle, with neither side totting up 300.

England's three-run victory here four years ago came at the end of a match in which Australia made 287 and 288 in reply to England's 284 and 294.

There have been numerous examples of tight, low-scoring matches. In 1950-51 Australia made 194 and 181, England 197 and 150. Four years later, England made 191 and 239, Australia 231 and 111. We had a match of the other kind in 1965-66 when England declared at 485 for nine and Australia at 543 for eight.

To regain the Ashes, Australia must win now, and again in Sydney where the fifth Test starts on January 10. For a side that has won only three of their last 26 Test matches that amounts, for some, to be an impossible dream. It will certainly be a remarkable turn of fortune if Australia do it.



Emburey: pursued by unfriendly breezes in Australia

# A New Year date with one of the world's wonders

By Simon Wilde

Melbourne Cricket Ground, venue for the fourth Test match, is one of the wonders of the modern sporting world. It may be possible for more people to cram themselves into Eden Gardens, Calcutta but if so they would do it in a great degree less comfort. The MCB, which was the main stadium for the 1956 Olympic Games, is these days resplendent with video scoreboard, floodlight pylons and the capacity within its circle of tiered stands to hold 139,000 spectators.

The Melbourne ground is steeped in cricket history. When the game was first played on the site, the playing area, then known as The Paddock, was surrounded only by the trees, flower-beds and shrubs of the Yarra Park. The first English team to visit Australia, in 1862, planted elm trees in the park, a symbolic gesture which bore fruition when the first ever Test was staged at The Paddock in 1877, a match Australia won by 45 runs.

Melbourne has since been host to more England-Australia Tests than any other ground in either country. Of the 47 matches there, Australia have won 23 and England 17. Until Brisbane was first allocated a Test in 1928-29, the MCB, like Sydney, got two Tests when England made a full tour; after that, until Perth joined the rota in 1970-71, Melbourne and Sydney took it in turns to stage two.

The Melbourne Test, beginning on or around New Year's Day, is one of the most traditional fixtures in the cricketing calendar. When England have been playing it has, during the past 60 years, regularly drawn an attendance of over 200,000, a figure unrivalled by anywhere else. The aggregate of 350,000 for the match in 1936-37 remains the world record.

Such a breathtaking setting cannot but influence the players and the play and Melbourne has certainly witnessed scenes of high drama. This has been especially true on recent England visits, when the pitches, though often the subjects of much criticism, have given batsman and bowler all to play for.

In 1974-75 an extraordinary match finished in a tantalizing draw, England scoring 242 and 244 and Australia 241 and 238 for eight. At 191 for six and with a minimum of 15 eight-ball overs remaining, it might reasonably be said that Australia, 2-0 up in the series and having things all their own way, should have won. But it proved to be a rare case of Ian Chappell, that most ruthless of captains, recoiling from going for the jugular.

In the Centenary Test in 1977, attended by a gathering of 120 former Anglo-Australian Test cricketers and a spectacular event even by Melbourne's standards, each side collapsed for a paltry first-innings score before Australia recovered their poise to set a target of 463. Thanks to Randall's innings of 174, by which he will be forever remembered, England's failure was a glorious one. They lost by 45 runs, just as they had in the game 100 years earlier.

The last match there between the two countries, in 1982-83, provided the closest encounter, England winning by three runs. When Australia's last-wicket pair, Border and Thomson, came together, 74 were still needed for victory; amid ever-increasing tension they gathered 70 before Thomson edged a chance to second slip. Tavare's clumsy miss had the virtue of spooning the ball over his shoulder and Miller was able to run round from first slip to complete the catch.

As in 1974-75, the scoring was remarkably even, the highest of the four innings totals being 294, the lowest 284.

English sides usually meet with a more sympathetic response from crowds at Melbourne than on other Australian grounds. When Freddie Brown's team were narrowly deprived of the first England win over Australia for 12 years in the second Test of 1950-51, the victorious Australians walked off the field at the MCG "to a deafening, disappointed silence".

It is an odd fact that England-Australia Tests at Melbourne have provided more hat-tricks than double centuries. Three batsmen – Cowper (307 in 727 minutes) and Bradman for Australia, Hammond for England – have scored over 200 in an innings and three bowlers have performed the hat-trick, one of these, Hugh Trumble, a native of Victoria, doing so twice.

Bradman had greater success against England at Melbourne (five hundreds and over 1,000 runs) than he did elsewhere in Australia, where he scored eight hundreds against them in all. Hobbs also scored five centuries and over 1,000 Test runs at Melbourne and shared in two famous first-wicket stands there.

One was of 283 in 1925 with Sutcliffe, his most famous opening partner, when they were responding to an Australian total of 600; the other was of 323 in 1911-12 with Rhodes, who two tours previously had skittled Australia out twice with 15 wickets on a rain-affected Melbourne pitch.

A "sticky" wicket at Melbourne was something batsmen had good cause to dread, being well-nigh impossible to score runs on. At the turn of the century showers and storms were regular participants at the MCB, turning the games into little more than lotteries. And it rains there still: in 1970-71 the New Year Test had to be abandoned without a ball being bowled.

# Sports Jumbo Crossword

*The Times* presents a test of your knowledge of sport (and its associated trivia) in this special Christmas crossword – with prizes worthy of the occasion.

For the winner, there will be a week's holiday for two on a half-board basis at La Manga Club, the great sports and leisure resort in Spain. It extends over more than 1,300 acres, making it larger than Monte Carlo, with more than an acre of space for every guest. Club La Manga is situated on the Costa Calida, and its range of accommodation includes economical apartments as well as luxury villas, with an hotel, five restaurants, two beach clubs and three swimming pools.

Even more to the point for our active readers, the sports facilities at La Manga include two championship 18-hole golf courses, 18 tennis courts, squash, cricket, croquet, bowls, riding and water sports. The sporting stars associated with La Manga include Severiano Ballesteros, David Lloyd, Sylvia Hanika, Pat Pocock and Tony Alcock.

For 10 consolation prizes, there will be a copy of *Barclays World of Cricket*, a complete guide to the game, its history and its characters. It has E W Swanton as general editor, George Plumptre as editor, and John Woodcock, cricket correspondent of *The Times*, as consultant editor. The book is published by Collins Willow (£25).

Send your completed crossword, with your name and address, by January 9 to: The Times Sports Crossword, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The sender of the first correct entry drawn after January 9 will win the holiday for two at La Manga Club. The senders of the next 10 correct entries will win a copy of *Barclays Book of Cricket*.

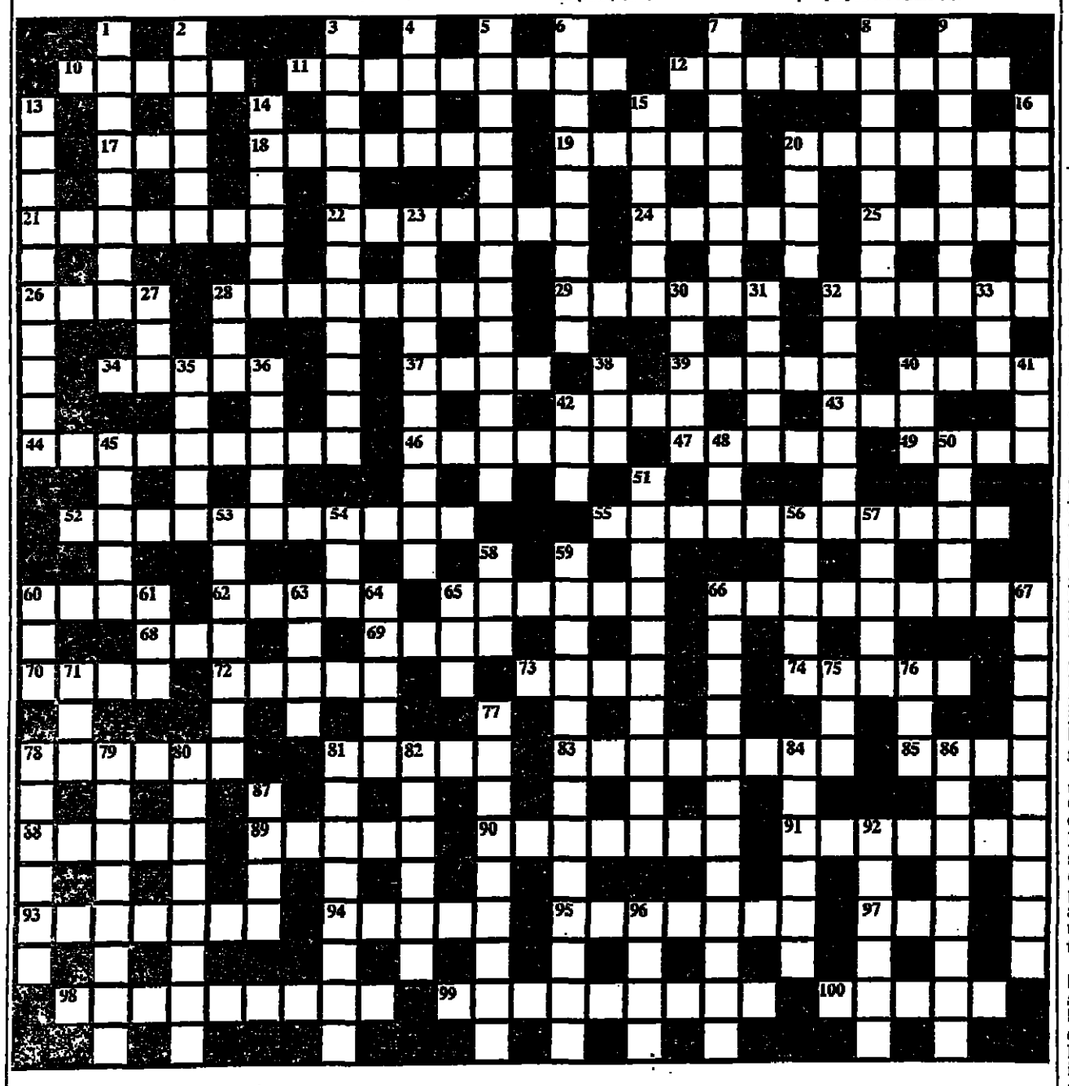
LA MANGA Club

**ACROSS**

10 Hoots. Rush on sight (5).
11 Worried about footholds? (4,5).
12 League club, not the mat (9).
17 One for the pot (3).
18 Colourful trail for Australian opener (7).
19 Part of the sparkle of Cheltenham (5).
20 Made do with extras? (3,4).
21 What Ballesteros may use when pressing for the lead (3,4).
22 It goes to the head of England cricketers (4,3).
24 Punching exchange (5).
25 The entire team is exhausted (3-2).
26 An iron used by Palmer when almost at his pitch (4).
28 Sounds like equestrian trophy (5,3).
29 What Liz Edgar, is to David Broome (6).
32 What Gatting will do with a rope (4,2).
34 Flying Finn but not a yacht (5).
37 Franklin or Harvey on his knees? (4)
38 An interval in, for instance, Gower's career (5).
40 Heavyweight's feeling far from Tyson (4).
42 Jeffrey Archer ran for one (4).
43 Single-minded target (3).
44 Harvey collected the Cup for them (9).
46 Steamark's favourite (6).
47 Carson's Dunfermline colours (5).
49 A punch from Louis? (4).
52 Before the kick-off (5,3,3).
55 It seems the loftiest rowing honour (4,2,5).
60 Boxers unhurt when they get one to the middle (4).
62 Running brave of Tokyo (5).
65 Mansell wouldn't want his to go (3,3).
66 Club-carrier advice? (6,3).
68 Carnera or the Eiger (3).
69 Track and field tournament, US style (4).
70 Bombadier Billy hit it for Rank (4).
72 and 81 Derby present for Breasley (5,5).
73 Threesome mainly from Brazil (4).
74 Brentford on the attack? (5).
78 Part of Liston's background (6).
81 See 72.
83 See them running from London to Brighton (8).
85 Just the time for abbreviated festive sport (4).
88 Picnicking in Chicago? (5).
89 A measure of Joe Davis that he did it for 20 years (5).
90 Cricket shares them with baseball (7).
91 Open winner in Orient v Birkdale (7).
93 Roy of Scotland and Chris of the All Blacks (7).
94 Feats of clay? (5).
95 Bannister broke one (7).
97 What you want of the green (3).
98 Hurried weight-lifting? (6,3).
99 Exercise for housemaids and athletes (5,4).
100 Talent-spotter (5).

**DOWN**

1 Brother of 1966 and all that (8).
2 He's named more for Bisley than the Oval (6).
3 What Cram usually does after the bell (5,3,4).
4 Penalty place (4).
5 Where football clubs like to be in May (2,3,3,5).
6 As delivered by Gareth Edwards and Hoddle (5,4).
7 Where Babe Ruth might have put his feet up (4,4).
8 Athlete's sort of mind? (3-5).
9 A lot of closefield catches go down (4,4).
13 International race for the President's Cup? (10).
14 Eddery Derby winner (6).
15 Mostly as Keats wrote for T and D (6).
16 Ultimately, an angler hopes to do this (3,3).
20 The only man to beat Tunney (4).
23 Just before the ringside bell tolls (7,3).
27 European ringmasters (1,1,1).
28 One Derby footballer? (3).
30 Dorothy for the high jump (5).
31 Turpin, briefly (5).
32 Tottenham student? (7).
33 Michael Spinks is its champion (1,1,1).
35 What a shooter must do if he drops his rifle (5).
36 Almost intern Hitchens after Villa (5).
38 Reading crunch matches in the park (3).
40 Coe in short (3).
41 National winner with initial impact (1,1,1).
42 Dave Green was a fighting man despite his nickname (3).
45 Prost is at it (5).
48 Aged with Yorkshire (3).
50 Moscow two-lap winner (5).
51 How to get a boy to play the wall game (4,2,4).
53 Reg of Notts, Bobby of Australia (7).
54 Nothing in football (3).
56 Shot loses colour? (5).
57 Rodnina's forename in a riot (5).
58 Part of the first essential you need to be for sport (3).
59 Football manager learnt by verse (5,8).
60 Carrier (3).
61 A team that holds! (3).
63 Dallas the 1964 big shot (4).
64 A little pace for England ? (5).
65 Sporting wager (3).
66 Audience reaction to downhill (6,6).
67 Ball players (10).
71 One of eight (3).
75 Short Barbados Hall (3).
76 A captain in the Gunners (3).
77 Professional's back-up (9).
78 On course, you're a stone's throw from the beach (6).
79 Rossi, Cova, De Angelis (8).
80 Visitors' entrance at Luton? (8).
81 Frustrating waters (4,4).
82 Prince of fly-halves? (6).
84 Cross-country runners are close to it (6).
86 Top of the bill (4,4).
87 Charlotte caused a stir in the National (4).
92 In the enriched cricket family (6).
96 George, a schoolteacher who played for Spurs (4).



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# Bishop enthroned

Canberra (Reuter) – Glenn Bishop, the South Australian opener, is the only new face in the Australian squad of 14 for the one-day challenge competition, beginning in Perth on December 30. England, Pakistan and West Indies are also taking part in the nine-day tournament.

Bishop is one of five players in the selection who have not figured in the present Ashes series against England. The others are the fast bowlers, Simon Davis and Mike Whitney, and the all-rounders, Simon O'Donnell and Ken Macleay.

Bishop toured Zimbabwe with Young Australia last season and has scored heavily in the past two Sheffield Shield seasons. Greg Ritchie, who has played in the first three Test matches against England, is an unexpected absentee from the squad.

SQUAD: A Border (capt), D Boon, G Bishop, S Davis, D Jones, K MacLeay, C McDermott, G Marsh, G Matthews, S O'Donnell, B Reid, S Waugh, M Whitney, T Zoehrer.

● JOHANNESBURG: Graeme Pollock, one of the outstanding batsmen of his generation, has been forced out of the South African side to face the Australian rebels in the four-day match beginning here tomorrow. Pollock, aged 42, feels he has not recovered completely from a pulled hamstring, officials said. He has been replaced by Brian McMillan, the all-rounder.

South Africa were forced to bring in Stephen Jefferies, the left-arm seam bowler, yesterday after Corrie van Zyl withdrew from the first match of a series of four with a stress fracture of the left foot.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Wigan in quandary over Lewis

By Keith Macklin

Wigan officials will spend Christmas worrying over an injury which threatens the arrival in Britain of their latest expensive capture, the Australian captain, Wally Lewis.

Lewis has reported from Australia that he has a shoulder injury and his trip to Britain in time to play for Wigan against Warrington on New Year's Day depends on it responding to treatment. Apparently the muscles and ligaments are torn.

After consulting specialists in Brisbane and Sydney yesterday, Lewis said: "I may have to withdraw but I am still hopeful and the last word will, of course, rest with the Australian Board of Control, who grant clearances."

Traditional derby matches provide the outstanding features of the Boxing Day programme, with pride of place going to the match which will have the St Helens ground bursting at the seams when it plays host to Wigan in a battle which is always fought at the fastest and most furious of paces.

**Halifax** and **Bradford Northern** provide a West Riding derby at Thrum Hall, with both teams in need of victory to revive a championship challenge which has recently flagged. Halifax are the holders of the title but their form has been strangely mixed and a win over old rivals will be just the holiday tonic with which to march into the new year.

**Oldham** and **Salford** fight out the Greater Manchester derby game at Watersheddings and Salford are not beyond surprising a team which has recently lost its way.

**Hull** should continue their revival at home to **Featherstone Rovers** and **Leeds** will expect a further rise up the table against hapless **Wakefield Trinity**, who have still to win a first division game this season.

There will be an interesting tussle at **Castleford**, where the Challenge Cup and Yorkshire Cup holders entertain **Hull Kingston Rovers**. The Rovers showed in their 18-0 victory over Widnes that they are putting their act together at last and a visit to Castleford is just the test of strength they need at this time.

In the second division the leaders **Hunslet** cannot expect an easy ride against their neighbours **Bramley**, and **Swinton** could be fully extended by a **Fulham** squad who have grown in confidence after a series of recent victories.

**Doncaster** should maintain their challenge at **Runcorn**, but **Blackpool Borough** and **Whitehaven** could falter in the promotion struggle against the challenges of **Rochdale Hornets** and **Workington Town** respectively.

YACHTING

# Challengers burn midnight oil in search for speed

From Barry Pickthall
Sydney

After the New Zealand 'plastic-fantastic' composite structured America's Cup challenger won a clean bill of health by the Lloyds surveyor to end the 'Glassgate' controversy over her construction, and Syd Fischer turned to the West Australian Supreme Court in an effort to resurrect Steak 'n' Kidney's chances of winning the defender trials this week, all eight syndicates still in the America's Cup have been busy completing preparations for the semi-final trials after Christmas.

The seemingly unstoppable Kiwis, with 33 wins and one loss to their credit during the initial round robin trials, have been working with Ron Holland, the designer, on modifications to their wing keel and trim tab, while Dennis Conner's San Diego group have fitted a complete new keel in an effort to improve Stars & Stripes's all-round performance.

Secrecy still surrounds the Tom Blackaller skippered USA II, representing San Francisco, a campaign that is now $2 million in debt but riding on a tide of hope and promised support from other American syndicates, including the vanquished New York YC, in their efforts to beat Conner's group into the finals.

"This is going to be a grudge match. We have a few scores to settle," Blackaller said last week, recalling the drubbing he received from his fellow Californian during the US defender trials in Newport three years ago.

Marc Pajot's French Kiss crew, who missed third place in the semi-finals after losing to the lowly Italia on the last day of the trials, and thus earned the dreaded head to head against New Zealand IV, have changed the stern sections of their Briand design in an effort to reduce displacement and improve performance in medium airs.

Among the Australian defenders, who begin their fourth round of trials on Saturday, a day before the challenger semi-finals, both Kevin Parry's Taskforce syndicate and Ben Lexcen, the Australia IV designer, have been testing new keel configurations.

The Taskforce group, who have proved to be the highest spenders in Fremantle with a budget running out at $40,000 a day, have proved the most consistent performers among the four remaining defenders.

Iain Murray, Parry's project director and skipper of the leading Kookaburra III, blandly describes all this merely as a continuing development before going on to underline the advantages of playing at home. "The chap at the foundry said the other day: do you realize this is the sixteenth keel we have cast for you. We're continually trying out new keels."

For his part, Lexcen has been burning the midnight oil in a last-ditch effort to find another breakthrough keel design to halt Murray's monopoly of the series. Australia IV went back in the water yesterday for remeasurement after these latest alterations, and is now believed to have a canard forward of her keel, a concept similar to that fitted on the David Hollom-designed Crusader II which the British dropped in favour of White Crusader for the initial trials.

## The yachts in contention

**CHALLENGER SEMI-FINALS**
Dec 28 to Jan 7: (Best of seven races): New Zealand IV v French Kiss; Stars & Stripes v USA II.

**DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D**
Dec 27-Jan 8: Each yacht meets the others twice, 6pts for a win.
Race 1: Kookaburra III v Kookaburra II; Australia IV v Steak 'n' Kidney.
Race 2: Kookaburra III v Australia IV; Kookaburra II v Steak 'n' Kidney.
Race 3: Kookaburra III v Steak 'n' Kidney; Australia IV v Kookaburra II.
Same pairings operate for races 4 to 9.

**CHALLENGERS**

**New Zealand IV**
Club: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.
Skipper: Chris Dickson.
Syndicate head: Michael Fay.
Record: 33 wins, 1 loss.
View: Odds-on favourite to win challenge trials.

**Stars & Stripes**
Club: San Diego YC.
Skipper: Dennis Conner.
Syndicate head: Malin Burnham.
Record: 27 wins, 7 losses.
View: Boat suspect in medium and light airs but this may alter with change of keel.

**USA II**
Club: St Francis YC, San Francisco.
Skipper: Tom Blackaller.
Syndicate head: Robert Scott.
Record: 23 wins, 11 losses.
View: This radical twin-ruddered design has shown most improvement during the trials. Syndicate $2 million in debt, but now receiving support from Eagle and the New York YC's America II syndicates.

**French Kiss**
Club: Societe des Regates Rochelaises.
Skipper: Marc Pajot.
Syndicate head: Serge Crasnianski.
Record: 20 wins, 14 losses.
View: A winner in strong winds, this innovative French design remains suspect in light and medium airs.

**DEFENDERS**

**Kookaburra III**
Club: Royal Perth YC.
Skipper: Iain Murray.
Syndicate head: Kevin Parry.
Record: 26 wins, 4 losses, 54pts.
View: Top Australian defender which has proved both faster and more manoeuvreable than Alan Bond's Ben Lexcen designed Australia IV.

**Australia IV**
Club: Royal Perth YC.
Skipper: Colin Beashel.
Syndicate head: Alan Bond.
Record: 22 wins, 9 losses, 44pts.
View: Will latest keel resurrect Bond's chance to defend the Cup won in 1983?

**Kookaburra II**
Club: Royal Perth YC.
Skipper: Peter Gilmour.
Syndicate head: Kevin Parry.
Record: 18 wins, 12 losses, 38pts.
View: Trialhorse to Kookaburra III but may yet beat Australia IV for place in final.

**Steak 'n' Kidney**
Club: Royal Sydney YC.
Skipper: Phil Thompson.
Syndicate head: Syd Fischer.
Record: 3 wins, 26 losses, 12pts.
View: A change of keel before the last series brought a change of fortune, but they must now await a court ruling to see if they can still challenge for the Cup.

# Another legal wrangle

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Steak'n'Kidney's connections have gone to court in an effort to stay in the race to be the Australian America's cup defender. After a short hearing the case was deferred until January 6.

The Series D elimination trials are due to finish on that date and there was a strong risk that Steak'n'Kidney would be eliminated before that, under the present points system.

Now, according to the syndicate's counsel, Jim Glissan QC, the Sydney yacht will sail on regardless. "The effect of the action is that we will still be racing at the time of the resumed hearing," Mr Glissan said. "I think we will be in a very strong position then to say 'You can't shut us out'."

The action was heard in the West Australia Supreme Court before Justice William Pidgeon. The syndicate chairman, Syd Fischer, sought a ruling on the construction of the Notice of Regatta and Sailing Instructions for the defender trials. Counsel for Royal Perth did not oppose the adjournment of the hearing.

Quite what happens if and when Steak'n'Kidney is eliminated under existing rules and then tries to sail on under the protection of the adjournment, remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, away from the lawyers, Fischer and the yacht club continued their battle of words. Fischer implored the Royal Perth to stop being 'yachting politicians' and change the points system to ensure there was tough semi-finals competition.

The Perth club's America's Cup committee chairman, Dr Stan Reid, said of the Sydney chairman "I don't know what he is on about."

On the water Steak'n'Kidney continued offshore trials with a new helmsman, Phil Thomson, 29, who formerly steered South Australia, has joined the team and will drive the boat in Series D.

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# Millwall likely to bring in cards

**Millwall are set to win favour with the Prime Minister over a cardmembership scheme.**

**The second division club, worried at reportedly losing £15,000 a month, will attempt to woo back missing supporters to the Den by adopting a membership card scheme, approved by Margaret Thatcher, but rejected by other football clubs as being "impractical."**

**The Government hope the Football League will persuade all 92 clubs to adopt 100 per cent membership schemes with identity cards, otherwise it has threatened to introduce legislation. Millwall have not yet specified whether their plan will bar away supporters from the Den and follow the lead set by Luton Town.**

**Millwall, determined to banish memories of the FA inquiry into their part in the riot at Luton in 1985 and repeated warnings to their small element of troublesome supporters, took the initiative last month by making successive home matches all-ticket against Portsmouth, Birmingham and Leeds. But attendances this season have slumped to around 4,000 after complaints from supporters that the club's current scheme restricted seat sales to season ticket-holders and members only.**

**"The scheme was perhaps unfair to the genuine supporters who could not obtain the seats they wanted," Graham Hortop, Millwall's chief executive, said. "We now hope to be creative, along lines suggested by the Government, and hope the new scheme will satisfy everyone. The supporters have been marvellous," Hortop said.**

**Full details of the club's plans will be announced by Hortop in the programme for the visit from Ipswich on Boxing Day.**

FOOTBALL

# London sides may find the Southampton boot is on the other foot

By Clive White

Southampton, whom Chris Nicholl, their manager, believes are being undermind by an outside force, take on the role of agitator themselves this week as they seek to disrupt the Christmas festivities of the Londoners, Arsenal and Chelsea, top and bottom of the first division tree.

Not that Chelsea will have been much in the mood for funny hats and things in their present predicament. But before attempting to add to their misery, Nicholl, in the midst of not a little controversy himself, spared a thought yesterday for his opposite number, John Hollins, who has been the object of outside forces ever since the season began.

"I'm beginning to know how John Hollins feels," Nicholl said. But we've only suffered from bad publicity. Losing matches is a much worse problem. I feel for John. He has been much criticised from every direction. But as Ted Bates once told me, you have to be indestructible in this job, and I know he is strong enough to survive."

Not, it would seem, on Boxing Day, Southampton at the Dell are usually quite a different proposition than Southampton at anywhere else; the goalless draw away against Nottingham Forest on Saturday was quite out of character. "They called us Scrooges afterwards. I just hope we live up to the name over Christmas," Nicholl said.

At least Chelsea will not have to face Shilton, who at the moment is not a pretty sight with two black eyes after suffering a broken nose at Forest. He had his broken nose reset yesterday while Nicholl signed a replacement, Eric Nixon, on loan from Manchester City, who will play instead against Dixon and company.

Chelsea, who are likely to be without Murphy and McAllister again, will give Coady, signed recently from Shamrock Rovers, his league debut. Durie, who is back in training after a hamstring injury, and Wegerle, the South African winger who came on to some effect against Tottenham Hotspur last Saturday, may also play.

Arsenal ought to have no reason to change their line-up after recording their 12th victory on Saturday in a run of 15 games without defeat, but Nicholas who was substitute against Luton will make George Graham, the manager, think twice about his selection after scoring three superbly-executed goals yesterday for the reserves in a 5-1 win against Ipswich Town at Portman Road.

The question of whether to change a winning team is something that Graham's arch North London rival, David Pleat, must decide after the purchase of Hodge. Ardiles would be the most likely man to stand down against West Ham United at White Hart Lane. When Hodge does assume his predestined position in the Tottenham side there is a danger that it may not be for long. He is one caution away from a two-match ban.

Everton, cheered by the return of Southall and Stevens and more recently Reid, have lost only once in their last seven league games and are the most popular alternative choice to Arsenal. Everton, for whom Heath has scored five goals in five games, have a less demanding holiday programme than their neighbours and champions Liverpool.

Everton's toughest game will probably be the Boxing Day fixture at St James' Park. It was in a bruising encounter at Newcastle last New Year's Day that Everton's injury problems first started when Bracewell, their England midfield player, suffered an ankle injury which plagued him for the rest of the season and has prevented him playing at all this season.

Liverpool, who are away to Sheffield Wednesday and Nottingham Forest, kick-off the holidays at home to Manchester United, who have won three and drawn three of their last six league games at Anfield. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is boldly contemplating their first away win of the season. One factor in United's favour is that Rush has never scored against them.



Nicholas: three goals for the reserves

SQUASH RACKETS

# Belgians refuse to pay Jahangir's appearance fee

Brussels (Reuter) – Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, five times world champion, has scratched from next month's Belgian grand prix tournament in Antwerp after organizers refused to pay an appearance fee of $15,000.

The tournament organizer, Jef Hagedoren, said yesterday that following the refusal, Ron Morton, Jahangir's manager, had reduced the demand to $5,000 but this was also rejected out of hand.

The incident has brought into the open the shadowy practice of appearance handouts to star players and led to a declaration of support for the Belgian organizers from the International Squash Players Association (ISPA).

"We support Hagedoren in his stand against these demands and we will propose a rule to ban paying appearance money," the ISPA executive director Roger Eady said.

"We know these practices have been going on for some time but this is the first time an organiser gives us hard proof and even makes it available to the press," he said.

He added that Jahangir was the only player who had asked for appearance money. "This is against the interest of the other players. It has done a lot of damage to other sports, and particularly to tennis," Eady said.

Although Jahangir will be absent, the organizers still boast the participation of the world champion, Ross Norman of New Zealand, who beat the Pakistani in last month's world open championship final in Toulouse and is currently top of the computer rankings.

Norman will face a tough challenge from his compatriot, Stuart Davenport, ranked No 3 in the world, and England's Gawain Briars, the No 5.

The Belgian Squash Trophy, from January 28 to February 2, is the first of a series of 21 Grand Prix tournaments with a total of nearly $1m on offer. Players in Antwerp will share a total purse of $38,000 while the organizers also offer a trophy worth $23,800 to any player who wins the tournament three times in five years.

HOCKEY

# Cream of Cheam

By Sydney Friskin

Peter Sudell, a Cambridge Blue, returns from Paris to play at full back for Cheam against the Club President's XI in the annual Boxing Day match for the R L Hollands Memorial Trophy. The match was cancelled last year because of bad weather but in the previous year Cheam won.

Tony Bennett, the club president, has placed the accent on youth this year, having chosen Marchant, a resourceful inside right from Surbiton, Francis also from Surbiton, Rogers, the Richmond goalkeeper and Bowling, of Beckenham. His son David, however, will play for Cheam.

Although Cheshire and Lancashire have already played each other in the county championship, Cheshire having won 1-0, the clubs will be on again on Boxing Day when they meet at Warrington to play for a special trophy at three levels of competition, veterans, juniors and seniors.

Last year Cheshire won both veterans and juniors matches and the senior game was drawn, which meant that on aggregate they took the trophy. The same system will apply and Cheshire, with Stannard, Greene, Wilkinson and Laitt all available, are expecting to win.

Looking further ahead, several of England's World Cup players will be in action indoors at the inter-cities Lada Classic to be played at Crystal Palace on January 30 and 31. There will be eight teams for this tournament which is to be televised: North London, South London, Southampton, Bristol, Cambridge, Birmingham and two teams from the northern division of which Hull could be one.

The sponsors have guaranteed the Hockey Association a total of £480,000 which in the longer term will support a three year run of the national indoor league to be played during three weekends at various centres and a similar period for the outdoor international tournament at Willesden. The Willesden tournament for 1987 will be played on October 10 and 11.

## Captain Seeler

Bonn (Reuter) – Uwe Seeler, who holds the record for appearances in World Cup finals, will lead the West German team in a veterans' tournament in Brazil next month. Seeler, 50 last month, is captain of a team of over-35s, which includes the former World Cup players Paul Breitner, Wolfgang Overath and Klaus Fischer. Seeler played in a record 21 matches in World Cup finals between 1958 and 1970. Giacinto Facchetti will lead the Italian side in the tournament

# Huddersfield's yuletide present for Buxton

Huddersfield Town's Christmas present for their manager, Mick Buxton, held no surprises yesterday – it was quite simply, the sack.

But Buxton, who is 43,may quickly bounce back, with Ian Porterfield Aberdeen's new manager, considering offering him a position at Pittodrie.

Buxton was expecting the worst after four successive defeats had taken the club to second from the bottom of the second division, three years after he guided themaway from the third. Six years ago he took them to the fourth division championship.

A spokesman for Huddersfield said: "The directors regret having to make this decision at this time of the year. "We would like to thank Mick for the services he rendered to the club since he joined us eight years ago and wish him every success in the future."

Jimmy Robson and Steve Smith, the coaches, and physiotherapist, George McAllister, will take charge of team affairs until a successor is found.

● Swansea City players, who face Cardiff City at Ninian Park on Boxing Day, and who are playing at homeagainst Hereford United on the following day, will be undergoing a 90-minute training programme on Christmas Day.

Terry Yorath, the manager, says he and the players have a job to do and they have to get on with it, festive season or not. He has told the players to report for training at 10am on Christmas Day. "They'll have the early morning at home and will be back with their families for lunch," Yorath said. "It won't spoil the family day."

# Storton's plan to lift flagging Telford

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Stan Storton, the manager of Telford United, is planning to give his players "a good kick up the backside" by making two new signings within the next few days.

Storton hopes the arrival of a midfield player and a forward will give fresh impetus to his team, who in the last fortnight have started to show the all too familiar Telford weakness – losing form in every competition, other than the FA Cup.

Since being drawn at home to Leeds United in the third round of the Cup and becoming the focus of national attention, because of the debate over where the tie should be played, Telford have suffered their first home defeat in the GM Vauxhall Conference and gone out of the FA Trophy.

If the 2-0 reverse against Dagenham in the League was a surprise, Saturday's 4-1 home defeat in the first round of the Trophy, at the hands of Nuneaton Borough, was one of the shocks of the season. Nuneaton, for whom Frank Murphy scored all four goals, are fifth to bottom of the Conference and have won only once away from home.

"It's the same old story," Storton said. "Nearly every year that we have done well in the Cup we've made an early exit from the Trophy and suffered in the League. To be honest, having a good run in the Cup is a pain in the neck, though I know it's something every other club would love to achieve.

"There's been a lot of publicity about the Leeds' tie and no matter how much I've tried to make the players concentrate on the immediate games I don't think they've been able to keep their minds off it. But I don't think the Cup run will harm our long-term prospects in the League this season, because this is a better side than I've had in previous years.

"Going out of the Trophy doesn't really worry me either. I would have been more upset if the Nuneaton match had been in the League, because our number one target this season must be to win the GM Conference and promotion to the fourth division.

"A couple of new players will help us. I've made the mistake in previous seasons of not bringing in new faces towards the end of a Cup run. Some players need a new challenge in that situation and there's no greater challenge than to have your place in the team under threat."

Telford have an immediate chance of revenge over Nuneaton, whom they meet twice in the League over the holiday period. They then travel to Scarborough, the Conference leaders, whom they trail by seven points, although they have three games in hand.

Like Enfield, who lost at home to Aylesbury United in the Trophy on Saturday and have dropped 15 home points in the Conference this season, Telford are beginning to feel more comfortable playing away.

"When teams come to our place and string nine men across the back it makes life very difficult," Storton said. "But I don't want to make excuses because my players know they were at fault for the Nuneaton result. The defence completely lost composure and discipline."

● Sutton United have re-signed Micky Joyce, a forward, from Maidstone United, for a four figure fee. Maidstone have signed Terry Sullivan, the former Dartford, Dagenham and Bishop's Stortford player.

## SNOW REPORTS

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Piste | Conditions Off Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5pm) - | °C |
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| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | |
| St Anton | 80 | 210 | good | varied | good | snow | -7 |
| Excellent skiing | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | |
| La Plagne | 100 | 110 | good | powder | good | fine | -16 |
| New snow on good base | | | | | | | |
| Les Arcs | 60 | 160 | good | powder | good | snow | -12 |
| Limited runs, avalanche danger | | | | | | | |
| Megève | 80 | 120 | good | powder | good | fair | -8 |
| Soft snow and good skiing | | | | | | | |
| Morzine | 70 | 110 | good | powder | good | fair | -3 |
| Powder on good base | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | |
| Davos | 70 | 140 | good | powder | good | snow | -5 |
| Excellent skiing | | | | | | | |
| Grindelwald | 50 | 70 | good | powder | good | sun | -6 |
| Superb skiing everywhere | | | | | | | |
| Murren | 75 | 110 | good | powder | good | cloud | -10 |
| Superb skiing on lower slopes | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper.

**SCOTLAND**

**Cairngorm:** upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete but narrow new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow new snow on a firm base; vertical runs 1800 feet; hill roads clear, main roads clear; snow level 2000 feet. **Glencoe:** (weekends only) upper runs, runs complete, powder snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow powder snow on a hard base; vertical runs 1400 feet, hill roads clear, main roads clear; snow level 1100 feet. **Lecht:** upper runs, some runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs 700 feet; hill roads clear, main roads clear; snow level 2000 feet. **Glenshee:** upper runs, some runs complete, new snow drifting (at the time); middle runs, some runs complete, new snow drifting (at the time); lower slopes: some runs complete, new snow drifting (at the time); vertical runs 800 feet; hill roads clear; main roads clear; snow at all levels.

● Information from the Scottish Meteorological Office.

RUGBY UNION: IT PROMISES TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL AT LEICESTER FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY MATCH

# SA tourists break Sherborne pattern

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Although the Welsh portion of their tour of the United Kingdom was cancelled by the WRU, the South African school, **Michaelhouses**, still managed a notable victory against **Sherborne** (12-8). The only other team to beat Sherborne, who have scored 354 points and conceded 109, was **King's Taunton** (14-9).

The Scots school, **Bathurst NSW**, beat **Strathallan** then lost (31-10) to Durham. They achieved a remarkably high-scoring draw (23-23) with **St Peter's, York. Durham** played 13, won eight, drawn two and lost three. Their most recent wins were against **RGS Newcastle** (28-10) and **King Edward VI, Morpeth** (52-0).

**Campbell College** from Belfast lost both games against **Rossall** (12-4), and **Ampleforth** (18-8). **Belfast Royal Academy** lost to **Harrow** (12-0) but defeated **St Paul's** (19-4) due largely to a vintage performance from their scrum half, Robert Saunders.

**Falcon School**, from Zimbabwe, have drawn with **Sevenoaks** and another Zimbabwean school, **Milton**, also opened with a draw against **George Heriots**.

**St Edward's, Liverpool** and **William Hulme GS** have both had magnificent seasons and are unbeaten. William Hulme won all 15 matches but St Edward's, whose final win was against **Hutton GS** (10-9) also drew (12-12) with **Birkenhead. Dover College** were also unbeaten with 12 wins to their credit.

**Woodhouse Grove's** record of 14 wins from 16 matches was all the more commendable as they only had five of last year's team available. The back row of Rory Fuller, Jason Procter and Gbenga Rotimi was outstanding, as was George Georgiou in the centre.

**Old Swinford Hospital**, from Stourbridge, have recorded 15 wins from 19 matches and won the West Midland 15-a-side competition at Walsall with a victory over **KES Birmingham** (13-12) in the final. Good victories have also been obtained against **Bablake, Belmont Abbey, Hereford Cathedral School** and **Wrekin**.

## Park's guests

The South African internationals, Garth Wright and Anton Barnard, will play for Rosslyn Park in the traditional New Year's day fixture with Wasps at Sudbury.

Wright, a scrum half and Barnard, a loose head prop, each played in two Tests during this year's controversial series against the New Zealand Cavaliers, while Barnard also won two caps in 1984. The players are in Britain on a short holiday and have already played once in the Roehampton club's second team. The RFU have been informed.

# Carling gets call to Cork

By David Hands

Will Carling, whose emergence this season with Durham University, Durham and the North has carried him to England trial status, has been selected for the English Universities' team to play Irish Universities in Cork on January 8.

He will play centre in a team which, it is anticipated, will also do duty for the game against Scottish Universities at Richmond on January 16, the eve of the Calcutta Cup match. But Jon Webb, the Bristol University full back, has been omitted in case he should be required by England in any capacity at senior level.

Both Webb and Carling are in the junior side for the trial at Twickenham on January 3. Alan Buzza, from Loughborough University, will play full back against the Irish.

There will be a Combined England Students squad session at Yeovilton between January 4 and6 for a party of about 40 players, ending with a game against a local team

**ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES** (v Irish Universities): A Buzza (Loughborough); D Kennell (Bradford), W Carling (Durham), L Eales (Nottingham), J Perkins (Bristol); A Sutton (Loughborough), S Pinder (Bristol); V Obogu (Birmingham), M Humphreys-Evans (Nottingham), P Joyce (University College, London), R Bridson (Nottingham), T Swain (Liverpool), M Reid (Loughborough), S Holmes (East Anglia), C Shessiley (King's College, London). Replacements: D Millard (Exeter), N Johnston (Hull), G Shaw (Aston), A Birkett (Reading), J Wilby (Loughborough), M Avis (Leeds). Added for consideration for the game v Scottish Universities: J Webb (Bristol), M Hancock (Loughborough), S Swales (Bristol).

# Barbarians line up without their French connection

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The **Barbarians** will take the field against **Leicester** at Welford Road on Saturday without the two French backs originally selected for the annual holiday game, Denis Charvet and Jean-Baptis Lafond. Both have been forced to withdraw because of area trial requirements, which will strike a familiar and slightly cynical chord on this side of the Channel.

Charvet, in any case, has been playing for Toulouse in the Masters club tournament which ended yesterday evening. The tournament was originally conceived for French, British and Irish clubs and there have been one or two plaintive murmurs from France of lack of interest here, hence the inclusion of Continental and southern hemisphere clubs.

It may be worth noting though, that Bath did not receive an invitation and Munster, who did, expressed an interest but, for lack of further details, made other arrangements. The original suggestion from France, too, was that British sides should fly in and out in between matches which was not well received.

Since the tournament was also scheduled for a time when England and Scotland were playing divisional and district matches it would not have been an attractive proposition for leading clubs denuded of players.

Even if there is no French presence in the Barbarians, there will be no lack of interest in the replacements since the Barbarians hope to have Mike Harrison and Will Carling from the successful North divisional side instead. Carling, who is in his second year at Durham University reading an honours degree in psychology, is very much the man of the moment.

"He has this confidence in himself and you can play at any level if you believe in yourself," Ted Wood, the former University coach said. "He has very quick hands and if you want an England team which is going to move the ball wide and support, then he must be in."

It would have been instructive to see him play against that experienced centre Paul Dodge, but Dodge's broken finger is unlikely to let him play for Leicester much before late January. Ian Bates replaces him in the home side on Saturday when it is hoped that a bruised knee sustained by Dusty Hare against Bristol last weekend will have mended sufficiently to allow him to play full back.

Boxing Day includes the regular quota of derby matches, among them the clash between Moseley and Coventry at the Reddings. Graham Robbins returns to the Coventry side having recovered from a knee injury which, earlier this month, looked likely to require another operation. He will play No 8 in a pack where Lee Johnson and Andy Farrington return from divisional duty. Moseley have John Goodwin back on their wing and Mark Linnett propping for the first time since September.

The pick of the Welsh Boxing Day games are those between **Llanelli** and **London Welsh**, and **Aberavon** against **Neath**, who will be without **Jonathan Davies** and Paul Thorburn, required by the Barbarians the following day.

Rod Morgan, chairman of the Welsh selectors, has reiterated the advice given to Welsh squad members early in the season about limiting the number of their games at a time when many Welsh clubs play four matches in nine days.

Alex Keay returns to captain **Saracens** at **Northampton** on Friday, after a rare absence from the London club's back row. Sean Robinson retains his place at full back after scoring four tries in the past fortnight.

Bath play their annual game against **Clifton** with a side composed mainly of second-teamers (who have been largely first-teamers these last three divisional weekends).

## Stronger Coventry

Graham Robbins, Coventry's former England No 8, will play his first senior game since November 15 at Moseley on Boxing Day, having recovered from a knee injury. Also returning to strengthen the pack after divisional duty with the Midlands, will be the prop forward, Lee Johnson, and the hooker, Andy Farrington.

## FOR THE RECORD

### FOOTBALL

**FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY:** Preliminary round: Port Vale 1 (Jones), Hereford United 0, Att:984 Rochdale v York City postponed. **GM ACCEPTANCE CUP:** Second round: Postponed: Altrincham v Oswestry. **FA TROPHY:** First round replay: Weymouth 3, Barking 1 Postponed: Maidstone v Wealdstone: Mossley v Kidderminster. **FA VASE:** Third round second replay: Corinthian 4, Crockenhill 1 **CENTRAL LEAGUE:** First division: Leicester 1 Sunderland 2. Postponed: Middlesbrough v Coventry Second division: Barnsley 1, Huddersfield 1 Postponed: Wigan v Preston. **SOUTHERN LEAGUE:** Bill Deller Cup: First round: Gosport 0, Fareham 1 **SOUTHERN COMBINATION CUP:** First round: Feltham 4, Camberley 0. **VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE:** First division: Stevenage 1 Tilbury 2, AC Delco Cups Third round: Bognor Regis 3, Dulwich Hamlet 0. **WALSPAN CUP:** First round: Berkhampstead 3, Cambridge United 2 **FA YOUTH CUP:** Second round replay: Chelsea 6, Cardiff 0. **FOOTBALL COMBINATION:** Postponed: Swindon v QPR

## Stephens absent

Middlesbrough's leading scorer, Archie Stephens, who has 13 goals this season, will miss the FA Cup third round game against Preston North End on January 10. Stephens faces an automatic two-match ban, which will start on that day, following his latest booking in the 1-0 win at Brentford

### FOOTBALL

Kick off 3.0 unless stated

**First division**

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| Aston Villa v Charlton | |
| Leicester v Arsenal (11.30) | |
| Liverpool v Manchester Utd (12.0) | |
| Luton v Watford (12.0) | |
| Manchester City v Sheffield Wed | |
| Newcastle v Everton | |
| Norwich v Nottingham For | |
| QPR v Coventry (11.30) | |
| Southampton v Chelsea (11.30) | |
| Tottenham v West Ham (11.30) | |
| Wimbledon v Oxford (12.0) | |

**Second division**

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| Barnsley v Stoke | |
| Blackburn v Huddersfield | |
| Bradford v Derby | |
| Crystal Pal v Brighton (11.30) | |
| Grimsby v Oldham | |
| Leeds v Sunderland | |
| Millwall v Ipswich (12.0) | |
| Plymouth v Portsmouth (11.30) | |
| Reading v Birmingham | |
| Sheffield Utd v Hull | |
| Shrewsbury v WBA (11.30) | |

**Third division**

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| Blackpool v York | |
| Bolton v Bury | |
| Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth | |
| Chesterfield v Doncaster (11.0) | |
| Fulham v Gillingham (12.0) | |
| Middlesbrough v Carlisle | |
| Notts County v Mansfield (11.30) | |
| Port Vale v Bristol City | |
| Rotherham v Darlington | |
| Swindon v Brentford | |
| Walsall v Newport | |
| Wigan v Chester (12.0) | |

**Fourth division**

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| Cardiff v Swansea (11.0) | |
| Colchester v Cambridge (11.30) | |
| Crewe v Preston (11.30) | |
| Exeter v Torquay (11.0) | |
| Hartlepool v Halifax | |
| Hereford v Wolverhampton (12.0) | |
| Lincoln v Stockport | |
| Orient v Aldershot (11.30) | |
| Peterborough v Scunthorpe | |
| Rochdale v Tranmere | |
| Southend v Northampton (11.30) | |
| Wrexham v Burnley | |

## BOXING DAY FIXTURES

**SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE** (2.15): Bangor v Ards; Cliftonville v Ballymena; Coleraine v Carrick; Distillery v Glentoran; Larne v Glenavon; Linfield v Crusaders (3.0); Portadown v Newry.

**GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE:** Altrincham v Stafford; Barnet v Enfield (11.30); Boston v Frickley (11.30); Cheltenham v Kidderminster (11.0); Dagenham v Welling; Maidstone v Sutton United (11.0); Nuneaton v Telford; Runcorn v Northwich; Scarborough v Gateshead; Wealdstone v Kettering (11.30); Weymouth v Bath.

**MULTIPART LEAGUE:** Bangor v Caernarfon; Barrow v Workington; Chorley v Horwich; Gainsborough v Burton; Goole v Worksop (11.0); Hyde v Oswestry; Matlock v Buxton; Morecambe v Mossley; Rhyl v South Liverpool; Southport v Marine; Witton v Macclesfield.

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE** (11.0): **Premier division:** Alvechurch v Redditch; Aylesbury v Witney; Basingstoke v Salisbury (11.30); Cambridge City v Chelmsford (11.30); Corby v King's Lynn; Crawley v Folkestone; Dartford v Fisher; Fareham v Gosport; Shepshed v Bedworth; Wisbech v Dudley; Worcester v Bromsgrove. **Midland division:** Banbury v Buckingham (11.30); Coventry Sporting v Moor Green; Forest Green v Gloucester; Grantham v Leicester United (3.0); Hednesford v Bridgnorth; Merthyr Tydfil v Bilston (3.0); Rushden v Wellingborough (3.0); Stourbridge v Halesowen; Sutton Coldfield v Mile Oak. **Southern division:** Ashford v Canterbury; Dorchester v Trowbridge (3.0); Dover v Thanet (3.0); Erith and Belvedere v Corinthian (11.15); Hastings v Tonbridge (3.0); Poole v Andover (3.0); Ruislip v Dunstable; Sheppey v Chatham; Waterlooville v Burnham and Hillingdon (3.0); Woodford v Gravesend and Northfleet (11.30).

**DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division:** Peterlee v Essington (11.0); South Bank v Whitby (11.0); Spennymoor v Bishop Auckland (3.15).

**BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division:** Burscough v Kirkby; Clitheroe v Accrington Stanley; Congleton v Winsford; Fleetwood v Leyland Motors; Irlam v Glossop; Leek v Eastwood Hanley; Penrith v Netherfield; Radcliffe v Rossendale; St Helens v Bootle; Stalybridge v Curzon Ashton.

**GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division:** Barnstaple v Bideford (2.30); Bristol City reserves v Mangotsfield (11.0); Exmouth v Dawlish (11.0); Melksham v Chippenham; Paulton v Radstock (10.45); Saltash v Liskeard; Taunton v Minehead (11.0); Weston super Mare v Clevedon (11.0).

**NEMC GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division:** Bourne v Stamford; Eynesbury v St Neots (11.0); Holbeach v Spalding; Kempston v Wootton; Northampton Spencer v Long Buckby; Raunds v Brackley; Rothwell v Desborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division** (11.0): Arundel v Littlehampton; Hailsham v Eastbourne Town; Lancing v Shoreham; Portfield v Chichester.

**ESSEX LEAGUE** (11.0): Bowers v Canvey Island.

**RUGBY UNION**

**JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B**

Northampton v Saracens (3.30) ....

**CLUB MATCHES**

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| Aberavon v Neath | |
| Abertillery v Ebbw Vale | |
| Bath v Clifton | |
| Bridgend v Maesteg | |
| Bristol v Weston-s-Mare | |
| Cardiff v Pontypridd | |
| Fylde v Preston Grasshoppers (2.15) | |
| Gloucester v Lydney | |
| Gosforth v Northern (2.15) | |
| Hartlepool R v W Hartlepool (2.30) | |
| Kendal v Vale of Lune (2.15) | |
| Llanelli v London Welsh | |
| London Irish v Old Millhillians (2.30) | |
| Newport v Newbridge | |
| Moseley v Coventry | |
| Rugby v Nuneaton (2.30) | |
| Sale v Broughton Park | |
| Swansea v Glamorgan Wndrs | |
| Torquay v Exeter | |
| Waterloo v Birkenhead Park (2.15) | |

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:** Castleford v Hull KR (12.30); Halifax v Bradford; Hull v Featherstone; Leeds v Wakefield (11.30); Leigh v Barrow (3.30); Oldham v Salford; St Helens v Wigan.

**SECOND DIVISION:** Blackpool v Rochdale (11.30); Bramley v Hunslet (3.30); Dewsbury v Batley (11.0); Runcorn v Doncaster; Swinton v Fulham; Workington v Whitehaven (2.30); York v Huddersfield (2.15).

**OTHER SPORT**

**BASKETBALL:** Carlsberg Tournament of Champions: Team Polycell Kingston v Murray International Livingston (6.0); Sharp Manchester United v Birmingham Bullets (8.0)

## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**ANGLIA** As London except: 12.00 midnight That's Hollywood 12.30am Thanks for Coming. Followed by Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 9.25 The Moderator's Christmas Message 9.35-10.00 Be Joyful. Carols from Aberdeen 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.45am Weather, Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 12.00 midnight Contact 12.20am Jobfinder 1.20 Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 12.00 midnight Silent Night with Jose Carreras 12.35am Weather, Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 9.25am The Moderator's Christmas Message 9.35 Be Joyful. Carols from Aberdeen 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.35am Reflections 12.40 Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.35 Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except: 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.35am Weather and Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except:

No variations.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: 9.25am The Moderator's Christmas Message 9.35 Be Joyful. Carols from Aberdeen 11.00 Nativity Play 11.15 Trang Trang 11.30 Glen Michael's Christmas Story 12.30pm-2.00 Film: Rob Roy The Highland Rogue 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.35am Late Call 12.40 Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: 12.00 midnight The Road to Trenarren. A L Rowse's Cornwall 12.30am For Us a Child is Born 12.36 Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.35am Company, followed by Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 12.00 midnight Straight Talk 12.30am A Message for Christmas. The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle 12.40 Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except: 12.00 midnight Silent Night With José Carreras 12.35am Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 12.00 midnight Silent Night With Jose Carreras 12.35am Music Box 1.00 Amanda Redington Show 2.00 Nino Show 3.00 Martin Buchanan Show 4.00 Simon Potter 5.00 The Shadow 6.00 Closedown.

**S4C** 9.45am Britten's Cantata Op 42 10.45 Film: The Strong Man" (Harry Langdon) 12.15pm Blue Suede Shoes 1.15 Countdown 1.45 Film: Guys and Dolls (Frank Sinatra) 4.30 The Queen's Christmas Message 4.45 Pilabalam 5.00 Stori Nadolig 5.25 Pwdin Hafoc 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Sion Blewyn Coch 6.35 Film Nadolig Y Cloc 8.15 Dinas 8.45 Parti 9.45 Dyddiadur Mair 10.00 A Day to Remember 11.10 Eric Clapton Concert 12.10am Closedown.

### BOXING DAY

**ANGLIA** As London except: 12.50am Dear Diary, followed by Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 12.50am Border Weather, followed by Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 12.50am Central Jobfinder 1.50 Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 12.50am Weather Outlook and Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 12.50am Reflections. Presented by Rev William Henney, Minister of Hope Park Church, St Andrews 12.55 Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 12.50am Joan Baez at Notre Dame 1.55 Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except: 12.50am HTV Weather and Closedown.

**HTV WALES**

No variation.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: 12.50am Late Call with Sister Veronica Blount, Society of the Scared Heart, Edinburgh 12.55 Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: 12.50am For Us A Child is Born 12.55 Weather and Shipping Forecast 12.56 Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 12.50am Company, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 12.50am Christian Calendar 1.00 Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except: 12.50am MT USA: American music news and Ulster entertainment 2.00 Weather, Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 12.50am Music Box – Simon Potter's Snow 1.00 Power Hour 2.00 Boogie Box 3.00 Off The Wall 4.00 Private Eyes 5.00 The Shadow 6.00 Closedown.

**S4C** Starts: 10.30am Gymnastics 11.30 Film: Deamon 1.00 Racing from Kempton Park 3.00 Tennis: Davis Cup Final 5.05 5 Con Goch 5.20 Dramydd Y Fflair 5.45 Robin Goch 6.00 Chwarter Call 6.15 Countdown 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.15 Rargan Fawr Dolig 8.00 Ibizal Ibizal 9.35 Llaisleg Cymru 10.25 Dame Peggy. Portrait of Peggy Ashcroft 12 10am Closedown.

# CHRISTMAS EVE TV AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

## A prejudiced guide to Christmas entertainment

● What follows is a complete,irrefutable answer to those Jeremiahs who never depart from the gloomy and tiresome ritual of bemoaning the absence of anything worth watching on television, or listening to on radio, over the Christmas holiday period. Even allowing for the fact that one man's meat may be another man's *poisson*, and enthusiastically subscribing to the belief that, during the festive season, a little TV and radio can go a long way, I have had no difficulty at all in compiling this list of goodies:—

● *Christmas Eve*: We wont fall out, surely, over the day's best movies. Two of them feature Judy Garland, **The Wizard of Oz** (BBC1, 2.25pm), still magically and musically magnificent after all these years, and **Meet Me in St Louis** (BBC2, 11.45pm), the quintessential Hollywood view of the happy family. Was Monroe's sex appeal ever more potent than in **The Seven Year Itch?** (BBC2, 4.45). I doubt it. **The Trouble with Harry** (ITV, 9.00pm) is the Hitchcock comedy thriller we keep forgetting about, so this reminder is doubly welcome. I only hope Carl Davis's new musical score has not spoilt Harry Langdon's silent comedy **The Strong Man** (C4, 3.30pm). Best of the rest on TV today: Derek Bailey's portrait of **Dame Peggy Ashcroft** (C4, 9.00pm), and Alan Ayckbourn's alternative view of the British family Christmas, **Season's Greetings** (BBC2, 9.00pm)....Radio choice: **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), the infallible way of acquiring instant Christmas spirit, and **Menotti at Christmas** (Radio 3, 5.00pm), the Sadler's Wells double-bill.

● *Christmas Day*: Pick of the movies: two animated features, Disney's **Dumbo** (ITV, 3.10), second only to *Bambi* for animal enchantment, and **The Snowman** (C4, 5.50pm), a delightful shot in the arm for the British cartoon industry. There are memorable musical gymnastics in **The Pirate** (BBC2, 12.20pm), and there is a formidable roster of British acting talent in **Educating Rita** (BBC1, 10.40pm). Non-movie choice: Wendy Hiller in **The Importance of Being Earnest** (C4, 9.00pm); the ENO production of Britten's **Gloriana** (C4, 3.00pm); and the 85th birthday tribute to **Aaron Copland** (BBC2, 7.20pm)....Radio choice: Dorothy L Sayers's **The Nine Tailors**, a Lord Peter Wimsey tale (Radio 4, 7.30pm); and **Operation Christmas Duff** (Radio 4, 12.27pm), a *Goon Show* edition never broadcast before.

● *Boxing Day*: On the movie front, there's Billy Wilder's **Some Like It Hot** (BBC2, 10.05pm), probably the most wickedly funny film ever made in Hollywood - often parodied, never equalled. There is not a moment in Minnelli's musical **The Band Wagon** (BBC2, 4.00pm) that I recall with anything but intense pleasure, and for sheer adventure, you would be hard put to beat Disney's **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** (ITV, 2.10pm) and **The Guns of Navarone** (BBC1, 1.30pm). Of the non-movie attractions, I must not fail to draw your attention to Michael Crawford's energetic tour de force in **Barnum** (BBC1, 5.40pm); the Torvill and Dean refrigerated love story, **Fire and Ice** (ITV, 7.30pm); and Jonathan Stedall's wholly successful attempt to capture on film the affecting humanitarianism of **Lanrens van der Post at Eighty** (BBC2, 7.25pm). A few more men like him, and all the world would have a happier Christmas....Radio choice: Nigel Andrews's surgically skilful dissection of the movie *Casablanca* in **You Must Remember This** (Radio 4, 9.30pm) which, thankfully, permits the famous patient joyfully to live on in our memories; and a Sherlock Holmes adventure, **The Valley of Fear** (Radio 4, 7.30pm), which should awaken you with a jolt from your post-prandial Boxing Day stupor.

**Peter Davalle**

CHOICE



Dame Peggy Ashcroft: she talks about her life in Derek Bailey's film portrait Dame Peggy (on Channel 4, 9.00pm)

### BBC1

**6.00** Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins
**6.30** News headlines followed by The Flintstones. Cartoon series. (r) 6.55 Weather.
**7.00** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; regional news and travel bulletins at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
**9.00** News and weather 9.05 Paddington narrated by Michael Hordern. (r) 9.10 Play Chess. William Hartston with advice on playing the Bishop 9.20 Babar and Father Christmas. Cartoon adventures of an elephant 9.45 London Snow. Elizabeth Spriggs with part two of Paul Theroux's tale
**10.00** News and weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings. 10.30 Play School presented by Stuart Bradley and Elizabeth Watts 10.50 Henry's Cat. (r)
**10.55** Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 Keith and Orville's Christmas Circus. The guests include singer, Dana. (r) 11.45 Cartoon. The Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin 11.55 Junior Kick Start. The final heat of the junior motorcycling competition. The commentators are Peter Purves and Jack Stites
**12.20** A Song for Christmas. The final of the school Christmas Carol competition. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
**1.00** One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 Neighbours. Des receives a disappointment at work 1.50 Little Misses. Little Miss Tiny, narrated by Pauline Collins and John Alderton 2.00 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
**2.25** Film: The Wizard of Oz (1939) starring Judy Garland. The timeless tale of a young girl who discovers what lies over the rainbow. Directed by Victor Fleming. (Ceefax) 4.05 Daffy Duck. Cartoons 4.20 The Box of Delights. The third and final episode of the dramatization of John Masefield's story. (r) (Ceefax)
**5.20** Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile makes six youngsters' Christmas one to remember, including a young lady who was present when the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree was felled in a Norwegian forest.
**6.00** News with Andrew Harvey. Weather 6.15 Regional news.
**6.20** Film: Mr Mum (1983) starring Michael Keaton and Teri Garr. Role reversal comedy with the husband at home doing the housework and looking after the baby while the wife is at work. Directed by Stan Dragoti. (Ceefax)
**7.50** Childwatch Update presented by Esther Rantzen.
**8.00** The Two Ronnies. A repeat of a Christmas special starring Messrs Barker and Corbett. The guests include Elaine Paige and Peter Wyngarde. (Ceefax)
**9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey. Weather.
**9.20** Dallas. The Oil Barons's Ball is in full swing but one of the guests threatens to ruin the occasion for the Ewing family. (Ceefax)
**10.10** Wogan. The guests include Larry Hagman and Linda Gray.
**10.45** Christmas Eve with Val Doonican. His guests are snooker star and entertainer, Dennis Taylor, and percussionist Evelyn Glennie.
**11.30** The First Mass of Christmas from Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. The chief celebrant is the Bishop of Clifton, Dr Mervyn Alexander; the preacher, Mgr. Crispian Hollis.
**12.35** Weather.



Helping hand for Fred Astaire in Holiday Inn (on C4, 7.00pm). Extreme left: Marjorie Reynolds. Extreme right: Bing Crosby

### BBC 2

**9.00** Ceefax.
**12.50** Film: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1920) starring John Barrymore. A silent version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic horror story. Directed by John S Robertson.
**1.50** Names and Games. Four teams comprising actors, comedians, musicians, and presenters, in a series of games for the Butlins Trophy, presented by Lennie Bennett and Kathy Taylor from Somerwest World, Minehead. (r)
**2.40** Horowitz in Moscow. John Tusa presents a documentary about Vladimir Horowitz's return to Moscow after a self-imposed exile of 60 years. The emotional return includes a concert from the Moscow Conservatoire which included works by Scriabin, Rachmaninov, Mozart, Scarlatti, Schubert, Liszt and Chopin. (r)
**4.35** News, regional news and weather.
**4.45** Film: The Seven Year Itch (1955) starring Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell. Superb comedy about a middle-aged New Yorker who, having seen his family off on their summer holidays, becomes beguiled by a young woman who moves into the apartment above his. Unbeknown to the woman, she becomes the object of his sexual desires, and the innocent cause of his 'itch'. Directed by Billy Wilder.
**6.35** International Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of the 1986 Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, held in April at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, during which the world champion was beaten in the first round and Steve Davis was unexpectedly beaten in the final by the rank outsider, Joe Johnson.
**8.00** Kiri Te Kanawa at Christmas. A programme of seasonal music, both classic and contemporary, from the Barbican Hall, London. With the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Carl Davis, and the Tallis Chamber Choir.
**9.00** Seasons Greetings, by Alan Ayckbourn. A bird's-eye-view of family life at Christmas, a time when life doesn't go quite as planned. Starring Anna Massey, Nicky Henson, Geoffrey Palmer, Peter Vaughan, and Barbara Flynn.
**10.50** Harry's Christmas Party from his home village, Giggleswick. Among the guests are Mike Harding, Ian Botham, Ken Livingstone, Sue Lawley, Ned Sherrin and Fred Trueman.
**11.45** Film: Meet Me in St Louis (1944) starring Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien. Sentimental musical about the lives and loves of a family during one year in turn-of-the-century St Louis. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.
**1.35** Weather.

### ITV/LONDON

**6.15** TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; video report 8.35. At 9.05 Timmy Mallett presents Wacaday.
**9.25** Thames news headlines followed by Tickle on the Tum - Christmas Special. Village tales for the young, with Ralph McTell and Jacqueline Reddin 9.50 Chorlton and the Ice World. (r)
**10.25** Film: The Legend of the Lone Ranger (1980) starring Klinton Spilsbury, Michael Horse, and Christopher Lloyd. The masked goodie and his faithful Red Indian friend, Tonto, battle against baddies. Directed by William A Fraker 12.05 The Bestest Present. An animated tale of childish innocence 12.30 A Child This Day. How three Catholic diocese in England are sustaining and providing support for family life.
**1.00** News at One 1.20 Thames news.
**1.30** Film: Rob Roy - the Highland Rogue (1953) starring Richard Todd, Glynis Johns and James Robertson Justice. The rebel highland leader is captured by the Duke of Argyll and on his way to London when he is rescued by his merry men. Directed by Harold Finch.
**3.00** Disney: The Night Before Christmas. Cartoon. (r) 3.10 Pass the Buck Celebrity Special with Simon Williams, Lucy Fleming, Dennis Waterman, and Rula Lenska. Presented by George Layton.
**3.40** Thames news headlines 3.45 Jambo - the Gentle Giant. The story of the male silverback lowland gorilla who made the headlines when he protected a small boy who fell into his compound at Jersey Zoo. 4.15 Supergran. With Gudrun Ure, Iain Cuthbertson, Paul Shane and Anna Dawson. (Oracle)
**5.15** Blockbusters.
**5.45** News 6.00 Thames news.
**6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Christmas Line, a 24-hour advice service run jointly by Thames Television and Capital Radio.
**6.35** Crossroads. Diane has become a prisoner in her own home.
**7.00** This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews springs a seasonal surprise on an unsuspecting worthy.
**7.30** Coronation Street. Maggie Redman pays the Baldwins a visit. (Oracle)
**8.00** Jim Davidson in Germany - Special. The cockney comedian pays the British Army of the Rhine a visit in the company of Diane Solomon, Richard Digance, and the pipes and drums of the Royal Highland Fusiliers.
**9.00** Film: The Trouble With Harry (1955) starring Shirley Maclaine and John Forsythe. A thriller about a man out shooting rabbits in the Vermont Hills who believes he has accidently shot dead a man. As he tries to dispose of the body the village spinster walks by. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.
**10.45** News.
**11.00** Fresh Fields Special. Their first Christmas without the children spurs the Fields to invite all and sundry for drinks. (Oracle) (r)
**11.45** Christmas Eve Service of Communion from St Cuthbert's Church of Scotland, Princes Street, Edinburgh.
**12.30** Film: The Big Sleep (1977) starring Robert Mitchum and Sarah Miles. Private detective Philip Marlowe is summond to the mansion of a dying man. What seems to be an ordinary case of blackmail turns out to be something much more deadly. Directed by Michael Winner.
**2.15** Closedown.



Challenging duo: Dennis Waterman and Rula Lenska in a special Christmas edition of Pass the Buck (ITV, 3.10pm)

### CHANNEL 4

**11.00** Film: Cammina Cammina (1983) An allegorical re-enactment of the story of the Three Wise Men, based on legends as well as the New Testament. Directed by Ermanno Olmi.
**1.40** Cartoon Carnival. Funny shorts with a Christmas flavour.
**2.00** Pob's Christmas Special. The magic puppet's guests are Su Pollard and Dick King-Smith.(Oracle)
**2.30** Stacking in the Sky. The story of the Royal Marines Free Fall Team's attempts to beat the world stacking record, filmed by parachutist/cameraman Leo Dickinson at Dunkerswell, north Devon, last August.
**3.30** Film: The Strong Man* (1926) starring Harry Langdon, Priscilla Bonner, and Arthur Thalasso. Comedy which begins with Bergot, a Belgian soldier, being captured by a German strong man during the First World War. Directed by Frank Capra.
**5.00** Gymnastics. Highlights of the 1986 Kraft International.
**6.00** Carols for Christmas from St Edmunsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds. With Aled Jones, the Royal College of Music Chamber Choir and the Farnaby Brass Ensemble, conducted by Sir David Willcocks. (r)
**7.00** News summary and weather followed by Film: Holiday Inn* (1942) starring Bing Crosbie, Fred Astaire, and Marjorie Reynolds. Lighthearted musical romance. Among the Irving Berlin numbers is White Christmas, sung by Bing Crosbie. Directed by Mark Sandrich.
**9.00** Dame Peggy. A portrait of Dame Peggy Ashcroft, written and presented by Michael Billington. (Oracle)
**10.45** St Nicholas. Benjamin Britten's St Nicholas Cantata (Opus 42) written in 1948 for the centenary celebrations of Lancing College. The performance, introduced by Britten's librettist, Eric Crozier, was recorded in St Alban's Cathedral and sung by the Wandsworth School Choir, with the Girls of St Alban's High School, conducted by Russell Burgess. Tenor Ian Partridge sings St Nicolas, and the accompaniment is by the Orchestra Nova of London. (r)
**11.45** Blue Suede Shoes. A rock 'n' roll special recorded at London's Limehouse Studios featuring, amongst others, Carl Perkins, George Harrison, andRingo Starr. (r)
**12.45** Film: Mad Love* (1935) starring Peter Lorre in his Hollywood debut as a mad surgeon who lusts after a beautiful actress married to a concert pianist. The pianist's hands are crushed in an accident and the surgeon grafts on those of an executed murderer. Directed by Karl Freund. Ends at 2.00.

### VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALES 1.50pm-3.30 Film: The Wizard of Oz (Judy Garland) 3.30-4.20 A BBC Welsh Family Christmas. 6.15-6.20 Wales Today. 12.35am-12.40 News and weather. SCOTLAND 6.15pm-6.30 Reporting Scotland. 6.30-7.20 Spirit of Christmas. 7.20-7.50 Jimmy Shand's Christmas Party. 11.30-12.15am Watchnight Service. 12.15-12.20 Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 4.20pm-5.20 The Magic of Vienna. 6.15-6.20 Northern Ireland News. 12.35-12.40 News and weather.
**ANGLIA** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Anglia News 6.00 News 6.10-6.35 About Anglia 2.20am Closedown.
**BORDER** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Border News 5.00-5.35 Lookaround 12.30am Closedown.
**CENTRAL** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 News 12.30am Perry Como's Christmas in London 1.30 Central Jobfinder 2.30 Closedown.
**CHANNEL** As London except: 1.20pm Channel News 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 2.20am Closedown.
**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 12.30am Reflections, Closedown.
**GRANADA** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 2.20am Closedown.
**HTV WEST** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 News 2.15am Closedown.
**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.
**SCOTTISH** As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00-3.00 A Christmas Memory 6.00 Scotland Today 6.20-6.35 Weir's Way 2.20am Closedown.
**TSW** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Who's The Boss? 12.35am For Us A Child Is Born, Closedown.
**TVS** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 2.20am Company, Closedown.
**TYNE TEES** As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25-1.30 Lookaround 6.00 Northern Life 6.05-6.35 Turning the Tide 2.15am It's a Boy, Closedown.
**ULSTER** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Police Six 12.30am Closedown.
**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.30am Music Box 1.00 Amanda Redington Show 2.00 Nino Show 3.00 Martin Buchanan Show 4.00 Simon Potter 5.00 The Shadow 6.00 Closedown.
**S4C** Starts: 11.00am Cammina Cammina 1.40 Cartoon Carnival 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Stacking in the Sky 3.30 Pob's Programme 4.10 Ffalabalam 4.20 Oi'R Olaf 4.35 Y Rhosyn Halen 5.20 Anturiaethau Syr Wynff A Phwmsan 6.05 Brookside 7.00 Dyddiadur Mair 7.05 Newyddion 7.15 Seinsiu'R 'Dolig 7.20 Hel Straeon 8.05 Noswyl 9.05 Iar Fach Yr Hat 10.25 Amlyn Ac Amig 11.20 Noswyl Nadolig



Harry Langdon: The Strong Man (C4, 3.30)




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### Radio 1

MF (Medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.
5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 12.45 Save Our Santa (Simon Bates) 1.10 Gary Davies 3.00 Dave Lee Travis 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 5.45 Bruno Brookes (Incl Top 30 album chart) 7.30 Janice Long 10.-12.00 John Peel's Festive 50. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00 As Radio 2

### Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Batteries Not Included. (Adrian love hears some Christmas disaster stories) 2.00 Gloria Hunniford. 3.30 Mike D'Abo 5.05 John Dunn (Christmas Eve around the world; special guest is Dr Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury) 7.00 Captain Cat and the carol singers with Bernard Cribbins 8.00 Ralph McTell and friends 9.00 A Good ol' Dorset Christmas. (The Yetties) 10.00 Hinge and Bracket 11.00 All Ye Nations Sing 12.05am Charles Nove 3.00-4.00 A little night music.

### WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '86 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Lyrics and Lyricists 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz Score 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Street Life 11.25 A Letter From Wales (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 On Father Christmas's Doorstep 12.25 Farming World 12.45 The Shepherd 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development '86 2.00 A Woman of No Importance 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 News, followed by Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from Chapel of Kings College, Cambridge 4.30 Nature of Christmas 4.45 Midnight Clear 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Wales (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 The Messiah: Part 1 9.30 On Father Christmas's Doorstep 10.00 News 10.09 Midnight Clear 10.25 A Letter from Wales 10.30 Through My Window (Michael Hordern) 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Revenge of the Turkeys! 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from Chapel of Kings College, Cambridge 2.00 News 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Midnight Clear 2.30 Christmas Night with Hinge and Bracket 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The Shepherd 3.30 Science and God 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Classical Record Review (until 4.45) 5.45 Revenge of the Turkeys! All times in GMT.

### Radio 3

**6.55** Weather. 7.00 News
**7.05** *Morning Concert*: Mendelssohn (Concerto in D minor, for violin and string orchestra: Franz Liszt CO), Bartok (Eleven pieces for children: Zoltan Kocsis, piano), Monteverdi (Magnificat, Vespers of 1610: Taverner Choir and Players). 8.00 News
**8.05** Concert (continued). Bach (Orgelbuchlein Nos 18 to 24, BWV 615-622: Jacob, organ), Hasselmans (La source: Susan Drake, harp), Delius (North Country Sketches: Ulster Orchestra). 9.00 News
**9.05** This Week's Composer: C P E Bach. Includes Harpsichord Concerto in C minor, WQ 43 No 4 (Melante 81), Rondo in E minor, Wq 66 (Gustav Leonhardt, clavichord), and Sinfonia in B flat, for string orchestra, Wq 1181 No 2 (English Concert)
**10.05** Ravel and Chausson: Medici String Quartet/Isabella Petrosian,violin/John Bingham, piano. Ravel (String Quartet), Chausson (Concerto for piano, violin and string quartet, Op 21)
**11.30** Matinee Musicals: Ulster Orchestra (under Robert Houlihan). Humperdinck (*Hansel and Gretel* overture), David Lyon (Fairy Tale Suite), Vaughan Williams (Prelude on an old carol tune), Grieg (Lyric Suite), Britten (Men of Goodwill)
**12.30** Transatlantic Blues: Dave Gelly introduces recordings made by Sidney Bechet in France in the 1950s. 1.00 News
**1.05** Philip Jones Brass Ensemble: part one. Mowat arrangement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3;also Rautavaara's Playgrounds for Angels, and PJBE Lollipops
**1.50** Letter from Tokyo: a talk by the poet and critic Anthony Thwaite
**2.10** Philip Jones Brass Ensemble (part two). Howarth's arrangement of Mussorgsky's Pictures from an Exhibition
**2.50** Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes Stephen Dodgson on recordings of Bach's



Bernard Cribbins: on Radio 2, 7.00pm

Christmas Oratorio. (r)
**4.00** Strauss: BBC SO (under Sir John Pritchard). An Alpine Symphony. 4.55 News
**5.00** Menotti at Christmas: two one-act operas, The Boy Who Grew too Fast and Amahl and the Night Visitors. Both sung in English. As presented on the stage at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London. With Sadler's Wells Theatre Chorus and Orchestra (under David Syrus). Chorus of Burlington Danes School, Chorus of King's House School, Richmond, and voices from Raglan School and Latimer School.
**6.45** Musical Times Past: Fritz Spiegl on late Victorian music-making
**7.00** Yvonne Loriod plays Messiaen: piano recital. Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jesus. Interval reading at 7.50
**9.05** Flying Out: Pauline Letts reads the short story by Eva Tucker
**9.20** Christmas Eve: Scottish National Orchestra play Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Eve suite, and the LPO play Bax's tone poem Christmas Eve on the mountains
**10.15** New Premises: Nigel Andrews presents the arts magazine (r)
**11.00** Beethoven piano sonatas: John Lill plays the No 6 in F, Op 10 No 2; the No 9 in E, Op 14 No 1; and the No 13 in E flat, Op 27 No 1
**11.57** News. 12.00 Closedown.

### Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF
**5.55** Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 A Service of Matins for Christmas Eve 6.57 Weather: Travel
**7.00** Today: John Timpson's last programme, Incl 7.00, 8.00 Today's news 7.20 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.30 News Summary 7.45 Thought for the Day
**8.30** After Henry. The Kitten. Comedy series with Prunella Scales as the mother.
**8.57** Weather; Travel
**9.00** News
**9.05** Funny You Should Sing That. Fun and festivity with Jeremy Nicholas.
**10.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time with experts answering listeners' questions in the studio.
**10.30** The Fosdyke Saga (s)
**10.45** Wives of the Great composers. Fritz Spiegl takes a look at Mrs Elgar.
**11.00** News; Travel; With Great Pleasure. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, selects his favourite prose and poetry. The readings are by Judi Dench and Michael Hordern (r)
**11.48** Enquire Within. Neil Landor, some specialists and the BBC reference library, are on hand to answer your niggling queries and quandries.
**12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer advice. With John Howard, Paul Daniels, Prunella Scales, Tom Conti and others.
**12.27** A Matter of Honour, by Jeffrey Archer. Last in series. 12.55 Weather
**1.00** The World At One. News
**1.40** The Archers 1.55 Shipping
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes highlights from recent editions of the programme. And Patricia Hodge reads Elizabeth Bowen's story Green Holly.
**3.00** News; A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast live from Kings College Chapel, Cambridge. The organ scholar is Stephen Layton, and director of music is Stephen Cleobury. (repeated on Radio 3 tomorrow. 5.30pm)
**3.47** Time for Verse: Minor Victorians, with Kingsley Amis. Part 4: Algernon Charles Swinburne (s)
**4.30** JASNA. Jean Snedegar joins the Jane Austen Society of North America as they discuss Northanger Abbey.
**5.00** News
**5.05** Mexico at Christmas. This year, Mexico faces Christmas, its favourite festival, with inflation at 100 per cent and massive debts. What will the festive season be like?
**5.50** Shipping 5.55 Weather
**6.00** The Six O'Clock News: Financial report.
**6.30** Prompt. Theatre quiz with two teams of stage and screen actors. In the chair: Sheila Hancock. (s)
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** Letter From The Sticks. Another personal report on rural life from David Bean.
**7.30** Murder for Christmas. Peter Sallis as the Belgian sleuth in Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot's Christmas.
**9.00** Sixty Years in Sixty Minutes. In this year of The Queen's 60th birthday, a nostalgic look over recent history with a montage from the BBC Sound Archives.
**10.00** A Sideways Look At . . . with Anthony Smith.
**10.15** A Book at Bedtime. My Uncle Silas, by H E Bates (3 of 3). The reader is David Neal. 10.29 Weather
**10.30** News
**10.35** Something Quite New. Nick Yapp tells the story of Hugh Lofting, who told the story of Dr Dolittle.
**10.50** ENSA – The Unsung Heroes. In celebration of ENSA, the Second World War civilian entertainers. Was it really a case of Every Night Something Awful? Presented by Jimmy Perry (r)(s)
**11.30** The First Mass of Christmas from Clifton Cathedral, Bristol (s) 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England & S Wales only) as above except: 5.50-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued)

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# CHRISTMAS DAY TELEVISION AND RADIO BOXING DAY

## CHRISTMAS DAY



Left: Aileen Quinn in Annie (BBC1, 3.10pm). Centre: Colin Hurley as The Gingerbread Man (C4, 10.00am). Paul Eddington:Miss Marple (BBC1, 8.20pm)

### BBC 1

**8.00** **Play School. 8.20 The Muppet Babies 8.45 Roland Rat - The Series. 9.10 Papa Panov's Special Day.** The story of a shoemaker. (r)
**9.25** This is the Day from Ward 76 of Bristol Maternity Hospital **9.55 Weather.**
**10.00** **Film: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's"** (1960) starring Cecil Parker. The terrors of St Trinian's are in the dock accused of burning down the school. Directed by Frank Launder.
**11.30** **Christmas Morning With Noel.** Noel Edmonds, live from the top of the British Telecom tower in London.
**1.25** **Every Second Counts.** Comedy quiz game. **2.00 Top of the Pops** *Christmas Party.* The most popular records of the year.
**3.00** The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth. (Ceefax)
**3.10** **Film: Annie** (1981) starring Albert Finney, Carol Burnett and Aileen Quinn. An award-winning musical about a ten-year-old orphan girl who is befriended by a millionaire. Directed by John Huston. (Ceefax)
**5.15** **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
**5.25** **Russ Abbot Christmas Show.** (Ceefax)
**6.00** **Just Good Friends.** Will Penny and Vince bury the hatchet and tie the knot? (Ceefax)
**6.35** **EastEnders.** Part one and at the Queen Vic Den and Angie are laying on a big spread. Part two is at 10.00. (Ceefax)
**7.05** **Only Fools and Horses...** Rodney meets a pretty girl in the market and is invited to a weekend party at her family's country home. (Ceefax)
**8.20** **Miss Marple: The Murder at the Vicarage**, starring Joan Hickson. Agatha Christie's mystery about an unpopular colonel whose murdered body is found at the vicarage. With Paul Eddington as the vicar. (Ceefax)
**10.00** **EastEnders.** The residents of Albert Square attend a knees-up in the Queen Vic.(Ceefax)
**10.30** **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
**10.40** **Film: Educating Rita** (1983) starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters. Willy Russell's award-winning comedy about a young married woman who decides she would like a little learning and turns up at an Open University class demanding to be 'educated'. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Ceefax)
**12.30** **Weather.**

### BBC 2

*9.00* **Ceefax.**
**12.20** **Film: The Pirate** (1948) starring Judy Garland and Gene Kelly. A Cole Porter musical, directed by Vincente Minnelli, set on a Caribbean island in the 18th century.
**2.00** **The Christmas Day Concert.** Gustav Mahler's Symphony No 5 *performed by the* Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Bernard Haitink. (simultaneous broadcast in Stereo Radio 3)
**3.20** **Film: Hoppity Goes to Town** (1941) An animated adventure about a grasshopper whose New York community is threatened by the building of a skyscraper. Directed by Dave Fleischer.
**4.35** **Comic Roots.** An autobiographical film made three years ago in which Billy Dainty recalls his life on the boards. (r)
**5.05** **The Queen** speaks to the Commonwealth.
**5.15** **Film: The Fortune Cookie** (1966) starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. A comedy about a sports cameraman, who is injured while filming an American Football match, and his shyster-lawyer brother-in-law, who believes he can sue for a million dollars. Directed by Billy Wilder.
**7.20** **Aaron Copland: A Self Portrait.** A tribute to the American composer, celebrating his 85th birthday. With musical contributions from Leonard Bernstein and Michael Tilson Thomas at the piano; and the American Symphony *Orchestra, under the* baton of the composer.
**8.20** **Film: Edith and Marcel** (1983) starring Evelyne Bouix, Marcel Cerdan Jr, and Jean-Claude Brialy. A musical about the passionate affair of the late Forties between the singer, Edith Piaf, and the world middleweight boxing champion, Marcel Cerdan. Directed by Claude Lelouch.
**10.55** **Classic Ghost Stories: The Mezzotint,** by M.R.James The first of a new series of five spine-chillers told by Robert Powell.
**11.10** **Film: Fedora** (1978) starring William Holden, Marthe Keller, and Hildegard Knef. The story of a film producer's efforts to lure an ageing film actress out of retirement. Directed by Billy Wilder. (Ceefax)
**1.00** **Weather.**

### ITV/LONDON

**6.15** **TV-am** begins with a cartoon; **6.35** Flipper; **6.55** cartoon.
**7.15** **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris who are joined by other regulars and a host of guests including Anita Harris, Faith Brown, and Gerard Kenny.
*9.25* **Disney at Christmas: Father Noah's Ark.** Cartoon followed by **Film: Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day** (1968). An animated tale. Directed by Wolfgang Reitherman.
**10.00** **The Christmas Morning** Service from the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Pottery Lane, London. (Oracle)
**11.00** **He-Man and She-Ra Christmas Special.**
**11.40** **Film: Swiss Family Robinson** (1959) starring John Mills and Dorothy McGuire. Adventure yarn about the Robinson family, *en route* to New Guinea and a new life, when their ship is chased on to rocks by a pirate ship. Directed by Ken Annakin.
**2.00** **Ark Royal - The Rock Show.** From Gibraltar. The guests include Paul Young and Alison Moyet.
**3.00** **The Queen** speaks to the Commonwealth.
**3.10** **Film: Dumbo** (1941) The animated aventures of a little elephant. Directed by Ben Sharpsteen. (Oracle) **4.20 Strike It Lucky** with Michael Barrymore.
**4.55** **News** with Anne Leuchars.
**5.00** **Cinderella: The Shoe Must Go On,** by Barry Cryer and Dick Vosburgh. Danny La Rue, Roy Kinnear and Cheryl Baker are among the stars of this up-dated version of the *traditional Christmas* pantomime story. (Oracle)
**6.30** **Film: Never Say Never Again** (1983) starring Sean Connery as James Bond, in this adventure thwarting the evil Blofeld's plans to hold the world to ransom using nuclear terrorism. Directed by Irvin Kershner. (Oracle)
*9.00* ***A Duty Free Christmas.*** The Pearces and the Cochrans, by chance, book in at the same Spanish hotel for a Christmas break. (Oracle)
**10.00** **News.**
**10.10** **Film: Dead Man's Folly** (1976) A made-for-television Agatha Christie mystery starring Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot, investigating a murder on a country estate. Directed by Clive Donner.
**12.00** **The New Avengers.** Steed and Purdey face danger (r)
**12.55** **Christmas Night Thoughts.**

### CHANNEL 4

**10.00** **The Gingerbread Man.** A musical play for children, written by David Wood.
**11.45** **Film: The Nightingale** (1981) Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale about a dying Chinese emperor's wish to hear the song of a nightingale.
**12.25** **A Lakeland Overture.** Howard Goodall's Land of the Lakes *Symphonic* Suite performed at St Andrew's Church, Penrith, by the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra, conducted by Richard Hickox. Presented by Melvyn Bragg.
**1.25** **Film: Hellzapoppin"** (1941) starring Olsen and Johnson. A Hollywood comedy classic about two stage hands whose good intentions to help a young playwright leads to his production becoming a shambles. Directed by H.C.Potter.
**3.00** **Gloriana.** The English National Opera's production of Benjamin Britten's opera, recorded at the London Coliseum. With Sarah Walker as Elizabeth I and Anthony Rolfe Johnson as Essex. Mark Elder conducts the English National Opera Orchestra and Chorus.
**5.40** **The Queen** speaks to the Commonwealth.
**5.50** **Film: The Snowman** (1982). Raymond Briggs' story of the snowman who takes a little boy to the North Pole.
**6.20** **Hallaig.** The poetry and landscape of Sorley MacLean. Scotland's leading Gaelic writer presents a selection of his work. English subtitles for the Gaelic sequences.
**7.20** **News** summary and weather followed by **Vladimir Horowitz - The Last Romantic.** A portrait of the celebrated pianist centred around a recital given by him in his New York studio. Filmed over a 14-day period by David and Albert Maysles, the documentary contains many revealing scenes between Horowitz and his wife, Wanda Toscanini, daughter of Arturo.
**9.00** **The Importance of Being Earnest.** Oscar Wilde's 'trivial comedy for serious people' starring Wendy Hiller, Gabrielle Drake, Gary Bond, and Jeremy Clyde. Directed by Michael Lindsay-Hogg.
**11.10** ***Eric Clapton and Friends.*** The guitarist in concert at the National Exhibition Centre.
**12.10** **Rejoice.** Readings and songs reflecting the Christmas message, introduced by Candy Devine. Ends at **12.40.**

### Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am, 7.30, 8.30pm, 10.30, 12.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 12** midnight.
**5.30am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell's Christmas Show. Including at **9.30** The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth **10.00** Simon *Bates's Solid Gold* **1.00pm** Mike Read's Christmas Dinner (Mike plays host to his DJ colleagues) **3.00** Simon Mayo **5.30** Bruno Brookes **8.00-12.00** P and V's Christmas party. With the Ranking Miss P and Robbie Vincent **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 & 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

### Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** *Cricket:* Fourth Test at **12.05am, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02.**
**4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Martin Stanford **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Christmas **9.00** Ken Bruce incl at **10.00** The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth **11.00** Captain Cat and the Carol Singers. Bernard Cribbins **12.00** The Christmas Huddlines **12.30** Ken Dodd's Christmas Cracker **1.00** Terry Wogan **3.00** In With The Old (Musical comedy) **4.00** My Favourite Things (Gerald Harper) **6.00** Sing Something Seasonal **7.00** A Celebration of Christmas with Roy Castle, Cliff Richard, Dana, Mary O'hara, Alvin Stardust **9.00** Walt Disney: Man of Magic (Richard Todd) **10.00** Radio Active's Christmas Turkey **10.30** Rhyme and Reason **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Sing Something Seasonal **2.00-4.00** Charles Nove

### WORLD SERVICE

**6.00** Newsdesk (until 6.30) **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-four hours **7.30** Bing and Friends **7.45** *Network UK* **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** A Radio Christmas Card **9.00** News **9.09** Look Ahead **9.15** The Shepherd **9.30** Queen Speaks to the Commonwealth **9.35** Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter from England (until 11.30) **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty **12.45** The Shepherd **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Play: The Grotto **2.00** Messiah: Part 1 **3.00** Queen Speaks to the Commonwealth *3.15 The Pleasure's Yours* **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Hancock's Half Hour **4.45** How Horatius Held the Bridge **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from England (until 5.15) **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Stocks Around the Clock **9.00** News **9.01** A Letter from England **9.06** In the Meantime **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** Christmas Day Service **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Queen Speaks to the Commonwealth **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Lyrics and Lyricists **11.45** Old Man of Lochnagar **12.00** News **12.09** News About *Britain* **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News Summary **1.01** The 12 Days of Christmas **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** In The Meantime **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Hard Knocks **2.30** After Berlioz **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The Shepherd **3.30** Stocks Around the Clock **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Country Style (until 4.45) **5.45** Midnight Clear. All times in GMT.

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### Radio 3

**6.55** Weather. **7.00** News
**7.05** Concert: Praetorius (Dances from Terpsichore: New London Consort), Vaughan Williams (Five Variations of Dives and Lazarus: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields), Bach *(Orgelbuchlein Nos 255-35,* BWV 623-33: Jacob, organ), Wagner (Prelude Act 1 of Lohengrin: Berlin PO, conducted by Klaus Tennstedt). **8.00** News
**8.05** Charpentier (Pastorale sur la naissance de notre seigneur: Les Arts Florissants), Debussy (Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune: LSO conducted by *Andre Previn). 9.00 News*
**9.05** This Week's Composer: C P E Bach. Recordings include Five pieces for musical clock, Wq 193 (Franz Haselbock, organ)Harpsichord Concerto in C, Wq 43 No 6 (Melante 81, with Bob Van Asperen, harpsichord), Rondo in B flat, Wq 58 No 3 (Gustav Leonhardt, fortepiano),Sinfonia in G, Wq 183 No 4. (ECO), and March for three trumpets and timpani, Wq 188 (London Festival Brass Ensemble).
**10.00** Montreal SO (under Dutoit). Ravel (Piano Concerto in G, with Rogé), Saint-Saens (Symphony No 3)
**11.00** A Service of Matins: from Queen Elizabeth's 1559 Prayer Book. Choir of New College, Oxford under the baton of Edward Higginbottom.
**12.00** Shura Cherkassky: piano recital. Schumann (Three Fantasy Pieces, Op 111) and Liszt (Sonata in B minor). **1.00** News
**1.05** Prague Collegium Wind Ensemble: Druschetzky (Partita in E flat, Haydn (Divertimento No 3 in C, H II7), Beethoven (Rondino in E flat, WoO 25), Mozart (Serenade in C minor, K 388)
**2.00** The Christmas Day Concert: also on BBC 2.From Concertgebouw, Amsterdam. Mahler's Symphony No 5. Conductor: Haitink.
*3.25 Renaissance Dances:* Early Music Consort of London, directed by the late David Munrow. Music by Giorgio Mainerio
**3.45** Celebrity Recital: 1974 recital by Amadeus String Quartet, with Clifford Curzon, piano. Brahms (Quartet in A minor Op 51 No 2; Intermezzo in E flat, Op 117 Nom 1; Capriccio in B minor, Op 72 No 2; Intermezzo in E flat Op 118 No 6; Capriccio in D minor, Op 116 No 1). Also Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34, Wq 33 No 6
**5.30** A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: from King's College, Cambridge (first heard yesterday on Radio 4)
**7.00** A Universal Talent: Nigel Douglas's tribute to his fellow singer Nicolai Gedda. Includes recordings made by the famous tenor
**8.15** Portuguese Keyboard Music: Christopher Stembridge (organ). Works by Pedro de San Lorenzo( Obra de tono I de registro de mano), Coelho (Tento de tom V11 natural), Carriera (Cancao a quatro glosada),Scarlatti (Sonata in C, Kk 420) and Pedro Araujo (Consonancias de tom 1). Also Carreira's Fantasie a quarto de tom 1V
**9.00** The Blue Jug: Peggy Ashcroft reads the story *by Ronald Frame*
**9.15** Leave We all This Wordly Mirth: Christmas — in words and music. Presenter: Eric Wilkes. With BBC Northern Singers, under Stephen Wilkinson. With Keith Swallow (piano)
**10.00** Music in Our Time: Los Angeles PO (under Esa-Pekka Salonen) perform two works by *Lutoslawski,* Les espaces du sommeil for baritone and orchestra, 1975, and Symphony No 3, 1983
**10.55** Beethoven Piano Sonatas: John Lill plays the No 2 in A, Op 2, No 8 in C minor, Op 13, (Pathetique)
**11.57** News.
**12.00** Fourth Test in *Melbourne. Australia* v England. Ends at **2.05am**

### Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF
**5.55** Shipping **6.00** News; Christmas Prelude.(s)
**6.30** A service of Matins for Christmas Day (s) **6.57** *Weather, Travel*
**7.00** News, preceded by Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn (s)
**7.05** Caroline's Christmas of the inexplicable infant, by Stephen Leacock **7.25** Christmas Bells **7.50** The Christmas Story read by Jeremy Irons (s)
**8.06** News, preceded by Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn (s)
**8.05** Vintage Archers: Mmontage of memories from the past 35 years of the Archer family.
**8.50** Radio 4 Christmas Competition..
**9.00** News, preceded by O Come All Ye Faithful (s) **9.15** After Henry: A Week of Sundays (s)
*9.30 The* Queen speaks to the Commonwealth (s)
**9.35** Morning Service from Worcester Cathedral (s)
**10.30** The Fosdyke Saga (s)
**10.45** Wives of the Great Composers. Mrs Berlioz.
**11.00** News; Travel; Emma, by Jane Austen, starring Angharad Rees. Part 1 (s)
**12.05** News; Fat Man on a Bicycle. Tom Vernon pedals from Muswell Hill to the Mediterranean: A Case of mistaken identity (s)
**12.27** The Goon Show (new series) **12.55** Weather
**1.06** The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth (s) **1.05** News
**1.10** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Christmas insobriety from the comedy game regulars (s) **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping
**2.00** News; Mario and Grisi: A true love story, with music of Giovanni Mario and Giulia Grisi, opera singers in the mid-19th century.
**3.00** News; The Afternoon Play: French Without Tears, by Terence Rattigan. Cast includes Andrew Branch and Neville Jason. (s)
**4.15** The Countryside in Winter, presented by Wynford Vaughan-Thomas **5.00** News
**5.05** Carry on up the Shrubbery: Henry Thompson studies British nudism in the 1930s. **6.00** News
**6.05** Richard Baker talks about radio for the blind.
**6.15** I've been together for 70 years now (new series).Johnny Morris recalls his childhood in Wales.
**6.30** Paul Temple and the Conrad Case: Part 1 ( of 8),starring Peter Coke as the detective.
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** *Letter from the Sticks:* Another personal report on rural life from David Bean.
**7.30** Murder for Christmas: The Nine Tailors, by Dorothy L Sayers (s)
**9.30** A Winter's Tale: Intriguing story of a Medieval Royal funeral procession (s)
**10.10** Radio 4 UK Christmas Competition
**10.15** A Sideways Look At: Anthony Smith in the third of four talks. **10.29** Weather
**10.30** News; **10.35** Girls and Boys Come Out to Play: A profile of the National Children's Orchestra (s)
**11.00** A Christmas Meditation: with Canon Anthony Harvey (s)
**11.15** The Village: A Christmas story set in Orkney by George Mackay Brown.
**11.30** Project Santa Claus: A Humble Civil Servant stumbles on an Official Secret (s)
**12.00** News **12.33** Shipping
**VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s).

## BOXING DAY



Left: Robert Lang in Peter Pan (Radio 4, 3.00). Centre: a scene from Stairs (C4, 7.05pm). Right: Michael Crawford in Barnum (BBC1, 5.40pm)

### BBC 1

*8.00* **Ceefax** ***8.35 Play School.*** **8.55 The Muppet Babies.**
**9.20** **It's Your Move.** Norman faces a lonely Christmas. **9.45 Take Two Christmas Special.**
**10.30** **Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** (1968) starring Dick Van Dyke and Sally Ann Howes. A musical fantasy about an eccentric *inventor who renovates a* derelict racing car that likes flying. Directed by Ken Hughes. (Ceefax) **12.45 Junior Kick Start.** The final.
**1.15** **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
**1.30** **Film: The Guns of Navarone** (1961) starring Gregory Peck.Second World War adventure about the attempt to neutralize German guns set in the rock face of a Greek island. Directed by J.Lee Thomson. **4.00 Disney Time.**
**4.45** **Final Score.** Sports news.
**5.05** **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's guests are Lynda Baron, Frank Carson, Samantha Fox, Little and Large, and Wendy Richard.
**5.40** **Barnum.** The hit musical biography of the American showman, starring Michael Crawford. (Ceefax) (includes **news** and weather from **6.50-7.00**)
**7.45** **'Allo 'Allo.** Rene and the French Resistance are hoping to spirit away the English airmen in an aircraft powered by a motor mower. (Ceefax)
**8.30** **Bergerac.** The Jersey detective investigates a case involving corruption, madness, and death, when a psychic and medium arrives on the island and digs into the truth behind the death 20 years ago of a 12-year-old girl. (Ceefax)
**10.00** **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
**10.15** **Film: The Verdict** (1982) starring Paul Newman. Courtroom drama about a has-been lawyer, finding solace in the bottle, who *gives himself one more* chance to regain his pride by taking a case against one of Boston's most ruthless and able lawyers (James Mason). Directed by Sidney Lumut. (Ceefax)
**12.20** **The Shop Around the Corner"** (1940) starring Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart. A *romantic comedy about a* young Budapest shop assistant who carries on an anonymous, loving correspondence with a girl without knowing her identity. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch. (Ceefax)
**2.00** **Weather.**

### BBC 2

**9.00** **Ceefax.**
**12.25** **Popeye the Sailor.** Cartoon.
**12.45** **Film: Gulliver's Travels** (1939) An animated version of Jonathan Swift's classic tale of a sailor who is shipwrecked on an uncharted island populated by a race of small people. Directed by *Dave Fleischer.*
**2.00** **Tchaikovsky Competition 1986.** Highlights of the competition, held every four years in Moscow, following the fortunes of the British hope, Ulsterman Barry Douglas.
**3.20** **Surfers Do It Standing Up.** Newquay in Cornwall at the time of the World Professional Surfing Championships.
**4.00** **Film: The Band Wagon** (1953) starring Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, and Jack Buchanan. Musical about a former Hollywood star who comes out of retirement to play in a Broadway show. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.
**5.50** **The *Most* Swirling, Swinging, Sliding, Spinning, Up-and-Down *Ride of Your Life.*** The thrills of the roller coaster. (r) (Ceefax)
**6.20** ***Choir of the Year 1986.*** The second semifinal, from Buxton Opera House.
**7.00** **Cricket: Fourth Test.** Highlights of the first day's play in the match at Melbourne.
**7.25** **Laurens van der Post at Eighty.** A film portrait in which Sir Laurens talks about his life from his childhood in South Africa, his prisoner-of-war experiences, his friendship with Carl Gustav Jung, and his 'unofficial and anonymous work' connected with Africa.
**8.30** **Onegin.** A ballet by John Cranko to Tchaikovsky's music, danced by the National Ballet of Canada featuring Sabina Allemann and Frank Augustyn with the Orchestra of the National Ballet of Canada conducted by Ermanno Florio.
**10.05** **Film: Some Like it Hot** (1959) starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmom. Comedy about two male musicians who, after witnessing the St Valentine's Day *massacre, escape from* the 'mob' by joining an all-girl band. Directed by Billy Wilder. (Ceefax)
**12.00** **Classic Ghost Stories.** M.R.James's The Ash Tree, told by Robert Powell.
**12.15** **Weather.**

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**7.00** **TV-am: Wacaday Special** presented by Timmy Mallet and Michaela Strachan, includes the best child acts from Anything You Can Do; and the winning Song for Christmas performed by the Mini Pops at a carol concert at the Royal Albert Hall.
**9.25** ***Rainbow Christmas*** **Special.** A pantomime with puppets **9.50 Emu at Christmas.** (r)
**10.30** **Film: Escape to Witch Mountain** (1974) starring Eddie Albert. Two young children with extraordinary powers of levitation and telepathy are taken from a home by a millionaire who wants to use the children to help expand his resources. Directed by John Hough.
**12.15** **Athletics '86.** Highlights from ITV's and Channel 4's coverage of the year's athletics scene.
**1.20** **News.**
**1.25** **The Royal Day.** Alastair Burnet presents highlights of the Royal Wedding of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson. (r)
**2.10** **Film: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** (1954) starring Kirk Douglas and James Mason. Adventure, based on the Jules Verne novel, about a mad professor, master of an all-conquering submarine, who plans to take over the world. Directed by Richard Fleischer. (Oracle)
**4.30** **Name That Tune Special** presented by Lionel Blair. With Maggie Moon, Angela Rippon, and Mike Read.
**5.00** **News** and sport.
**5.15** **Film: The Spy Who Loved Me** (1977) starring Roger Moore as James Bond, in this adventure saving us from a madman who wants to destroy the world and create an underwater Shangri-La in its place. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Oracle)
**7.30** **Fire and Ice.** A Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean ice spectacular. With *music by Carl Davis,* performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra
**8.30** **A Christmas Night of One Hundred Stars** from the London Palladium in aid of Help the Aged. Includes **news** from **9.45** to **10.00.**
**11.15** **Film: Airplane II - The Sequel** (1982) starring Robert Hayes. A follow-up *spoof to the successful* Airplane! In this film, a shuttlecraft carrying a motley collection of passengers, begins to malfunction. Directed by Ken Finkleman.
**12.50** **Christmas Night Thoughts.**

### CHANNEL 4

**9.30** **Film: *A Swarm in May*** (1983) A drama, made by the Children's Film Unit, about a young man at a rural cathedral school who investigates and restores an ancient church tradition. Starring Oliver Hicks, and directed by Colin Finbow.
**11.00** **Theresa at the Palace.** A film from Germany about a young village girl who becomes a 'companion' to a spoilt princess living in a 19th century castle.
**12.35** **Santa's Pocket Watch.** Cartoon.
**1.00** **Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park.** Brough Scott introduces coverage of the 1.10, 1.40, 2.15 (King George VI Rank Chase) and 2.45 races.
**3.00** **Tennis.** The first two rubbers of the Davis Cup Final between Australia and Sweden.
**5.00** **The Queen and Her Ceremonial Horses.** A documentary about the Royal Mews, offering a portrait of the Royal horses and people who take care of them. (r) (Oracle)
**6.00** **The Pleasure Gardens - Vauxhall Revisited.** A recreation of life in the Vauxhall pleasure gardens on the banks of the Thames during their 18th century heyday.
**7.05** **News** summary and weather followed by **Stairs.** A lighthearted look at the role of stairs in films, in life, and in dreams.
**7.35** **The Works,** by Kerry Crabbe. A comedy drama starring Glenn Sherwood as a 17-year old in his first job - as a dogsbody in a large factory.
**9.00** **L'Heure Espagnole.** Ravel's opera about a Spanish clock-makers wife who entertains a succession of lovers in her husband's absence. With mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Laurence and the Nouvel Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio-France, conducted by Armin Jourdan.
**10.00** **Max Headroom's Giant Christmas Turkey.** The guests include Bob Geldof, Tina Turner, and Dave Edmunds.
**10.45** **The Weavers: Wasn't That a Time? A** documentary tracing the 30-year-old story of the celebrated folk group made up of Pete Seeger, *Ronnie Gilbert, Lee Hays,* and Fred Hallerman. (r)
**12.05** **Film: It Came From Outer Space"** (1953) starring Richard Carlson. Science fiction adventure, based on a Ray Bradbury story. Directed by Jack Arnold. Ends at **1.35.**

### Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **10.30** then **12.30** pm, **2.30, 5.30, 8.30, 10.00** and **12** midnight.
**5.30am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30** Newsbeat (Lesley Curwen) **12.35** *Gary Davies* **3.00** Steve Wright's Boxing Day Special (incl interview with Don Johnson incl at **5.30-5.35** Newsbeat with Alison Mackenzie **6.00** Around the World in 30 Plays. Board game with John Walters, Mike Read and Janice Long **8.00** Andy Peebles **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show. with Tommy Vance **VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2:- 4.00am** As Radio 2. **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **120.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

### Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour **4.0am** to **1.00pm**, then **2.00** (mf only), **3.00** (mf only), **6.00, 7.00, 8.00,** then hourly from **10.00.** Cricket: Fourth Test. Reports from Melbourne at **4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.02, 8.02,** and **12.05am, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02.**
**4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Martin Stanford **8.00** Ray Moore **10.00** Michael Aspel with Nothing But the Best **12.00** The Christmas Jottings of Hinge and Bracket **1.00pm** David Jacobs. **2.00** Boxing Day Sport Special including Cricket (Fourth Test), Racing from Kempton Park **2.15** The King George VI Rank Steeple Chase. *5.30 Ken Dodd's Christmas* Cracker **6.00** Alan Price **7.00** Hubert Gregg says This Is My London **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.15** Michael Feinstein at The Ritz **10.00** Jack Rothstein with his violin and Langham Orchestra **10.30** Well Sung Dogs (Lance Percival and Nicola Dawson) **11.00** Peter Dickson's Nightcap **1.00am** Jean Challis **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

### WORLD SERVICE

**6.00** Newsdesk (until 6.30) **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Nashville Cats **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Music of Weber **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Look Ahead **9.15** The Shepherd **9.30** Recording of the Week **9.45** Voyages of Captain Cook **10.00** News **10.01** Sing Gospel **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Stocks Around the Clock **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** In the Meantime **11.25** A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 11.30) **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Jazz for the Asking **12.45** The Shepherd **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Christmas Pop Special **2.30** Christmas Night with Hinge and Bracket **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Box of Delight **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Sportsworld **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 5.15) **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Christmas Night with Hinge and Bracket **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Music Now **9.45** Scoop **10.00** News **10.09** Hancock's *Half Hour* **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** King Robert of Sicily **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Christmas Pop Special **1.30** About Britain **1.45** Nature of Christmas **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Yes Minister **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The Shepherd **3.30** The Record Makers **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Here's Humph! (until 4.45) **5.45** King Robert of Sicily. All times in GMT.

### Radio 3

**4.55** **On medium wave only.** The Fourth Test between Australia and England. A live transmission from Melbourne until7.05
**6.55** *On VHF only.* Weather. **7.00** News
**7.05** Morning Concert: Mozart (Les petits riens ballet: *Scottish CO), Satie* (Gnossiennes, nos 5-6; Sonatine bureaucratique: Le Picadilly: Rogé, piano), Handel (Utrecht Jubilate: Academy of Ancient Music/Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford). **8.00** News
**8.05** Concert (contd): Bach (Orgelbuchlein, nos 36-45, BWV 635-644: Jacob, organ), *Purcell (Fantasia* in B flat and F, Z 736 and 737: London Baroque), Mozart (Concerto in C, K 299: ECO with Bennett,flute, and Ellis,harp). **9.00** News
**9.05** This Week's Composer: C P E Bach. Includes Quartet in G, Wq 95; Concerto in E flat, Wq 47, and the Fantasia in F sharp minor, Wq 67
**10.00** Carol Symphony: Pro Arte Orchestra (under Barry Rose) perform the work by Hely-Hutchinson
**10.30** Perlman and Canino: violin and piano recital. Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op 96), and works by Sarasate, Lukas Foss, and Kreisler
**11.30** Tchaikovsky: Amsterdam Concertgebouw (under Antal Doratl) play The Nutcracker music. **1.00** News
**1.05** Octets: Chilingirian and Lindsay String Quartets. Shostakovich (Two Pieces, Op 11), and Mendelssohn (Octet in E flat, Op 20)
**1.50** Youth Orchestras of the *World: Trinity College of* Music Jazz Orchestra (under Bobby Lamb). Herr (Song for Micheline), Ole Kock Hansen (Light Flight), Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto), Lamb (Cork 800)
**2.50** Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir: piano duet. Moszkowski (Spanish Dances, Op 12, nos 1-2, and New Spanish Dances, *Op 65 Nos 1-3), Brahms* (Hungarian Dances, 2,4,6,8), Liszt (Grand gelop chromatique)
**3.35** Carl Maria von Weber: Clarinet Concerto No 2 (Beyer, with North German Radio SO under the baton of Gunter Wand)
**4.00** A Service of Readings and Carols for St Stephen's Day: a live transmission from Westminster Abbey. Organist and master of the choristers: Simon Preston. **4.55** News
**5.00** Interpretations on Record: Richard Osborne compares recordings of Mahler's Symphony No 6 under the baton of, inter alia, Karajan, Barbirolli and Bernstein.
**6.00** Court Ayres: Parley of Instruments perform consort music from the publications of John Playford. Works by Matthew Locke, Thomas Baltzar, John Bannister, Giovanni Battista Draghi, John Jenkins, Henry Purcell .
**6.30** Christmas Quiz: with Michael Berkeley, Roger Savage, Roger Vignoles and Odaline de la Martinez. Referee: Michael Oliver
**7.20** Thomas Allen: the baritone is accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons. Works by Schumann (song cycle Dichterliebe), and Brahms (including O wusst' ich doch, Der Gang zum Liebchen, Es sass ein Salamander, and Wir wandelten)
**8.25** BBC Concert Orchestra *(under Jacques* Delacote). Ibert (Escales), Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales), Rossini (La boutique fantasque)
**9.45** Oenanthe and the Beanstalk. The true story of Jack and the Beanstalk: with Polly James and Robert Meadmore in the cast. The music is by Susannah Danzi. With Jane Lister (harps)
**11.00** Beethoven Piano Sonatas: John Lill plays the No 5, the No 25, and No 26
**11.57** News.
**12.00** Fourth Test. Direct from Melbourne. The commentary continues until.2.05am.

### Radio 4

On long wave
**5.55** Shipping **6.00** News; Prelude. Seasonal music for Boxing Day (s)
**6.25** A Service of Matins for St Stephen's Day **6.57** *Weather, Travel 7.00 News*
**7.05** Simon Bates with a soothing start to the "morning after". Moments from well-loved radio programmes, incl **8.00** News
**8.30** After Henry "The Teapot" **8.57** Weather.
**9.00** News **9.05** Secret Life of the Romanza. Nigel Farrell finds out the truth about a Mediterranean cruise.
**10.00** News; The Man Who Hid the Stone. On Christmas Eve 1950, the Stone of Scone was stolen from Westminster Abbey. This is the story of the one man who, for 109 days, was the only person to know its whereabouts.
**10.30** The Fosdyke Saga (s)
**10.45** Wives of the Great Composers. Fritz Spiegl investigates the strange story of Carlo Gesualdo.
**11.00** News; Travel; Emma Part 2 of the dramatization of Jane Austen's novel (s)
**12.00** News; Fat Man on a Bicycle. Family Entertainment (s)
**12.27** The Goon Show. "The Dreaded Piano Clubber" **12.55** Weather
**1.00** News
**1.05** The Billion Dollar Bubbles. Heather Payton reports on the rivalry between Pepsi and *Coca-Cola.*
**1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping
**2.00** News; The Man Who Was Nobody, by Keith Waterhouse, featuring Judi Dench and Michael Williams. A close look at the world and the diary of a Nobody.
**2.47** Margery Allingham and Crime Fiction. Derek Wilson discusses the work of one of the most popular crime-writers.
**3.00** News; Afternoon Play: Peter Pan, by J M Barrie, adapted by Glynn Dearman (s)
**5.00** News
**5.05** Any Sporting Questions 1986. With Harry Carpenter, Don Mosey, Don Howe, Adrian Moorhouse and Edward Grayson. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
**6.00** News
**6.05** Through My Window.Pam Ayres wonders what went on in the Wychwood.
**6.15** I've Been Together for 70 years now. Johnny Morris recalls his childhood in Wales.
**6.30** Paul Temple and the Conrad Case. Part 2
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** Letter from the Sticks. A personal report on rural life from David Bean.
**7.30** Murder for Christmas. The Valley of Fear, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (s)
**9.20** In Search of Professor Moriarty. Alan Moore reads selections from Sherlock Holmes — The Man and his World, by H F Keating.
**9.30** You Must Remember This. The less familiar story behind the making of *Casablanca* (s)
**10.15** A Sideways Look At . . . with Anthony Smith **10.29** Weather
**10.30** News
**10.35** Treasures and Trifles. An anthology of writings celebrating the joys of collecting.
**11.00** A Christmas Meditation with Canon Anthony Harvey (s)
**11.15** Bebe and Ben. Hubert Gregg tells the true story of life with Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon.
**12.00** News **12.33** Shipping
**VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s)

SPORT

# Howe on why Liverpool lead at half-time


Howe: a vote for Merseyside

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The season is about to reach the tea interval. Before the whirlwind of activity that is spread traditionally around Christmas and the New Year, it might be as well – while there is an opportunity – to glance back on the running of the championship race and look forward to the shape it could assume.

This half-time rundown is held in conjunction with Don Howe, England's coach. As Bobby Robson's assistant, he has seen many a game so far and, since he is no longer connected to a club, his view is wide and dispassionate. As he himself says: "I'm an outsider looking in."

His overall report of the opening half of the programme carries the title "The good, the bad and the ugly". He said: "I've seen some cracking games, I've seen some horrible games and I've seen some ugly games. Local derbies tend to be the worst. Because there's so much at stake, they're often very unattractive."

He has noticed a significant change in the general style, as though the imprisoning chains have been loosened. "There's not so much squeezing. People have realized that if you restrict the opponents, you restrict yourselves as well. Whereas there was no time or space, players seem now to be more patient.

"That has improved the game and the other most pleasing feature has been the emergence of young players. Adams, Rocastle and Hayes at ARSENAL, for instance, Webb, Carr, Clough and Walker at NOTTINGHAM FOREST and McDonald, who is an outstanding prospect at NEWCASTLE UNITED. I wish they'd put him at right back."

The list of youthful individuals who are likely to become the true talent of tomorrow is linked to the current success of their clubs. Howe, who severed his own connection with Arsenal earlier in the year, sees a strong similarity between the squad he used to manage and Forest's.

"Both have a touch of experience here and there but they are mostly young kids, homegrown talent. Although George Graham keeps saying that Arsenal are not good enough to win the title, if he would add the one word 'yet' I think he'd be closer to the truth and his message would also be clearer.

"He's being partly realistic and partly trying to take the pressure off them. If things go wrong their challenge could fall flat. Look at Manchester United after that fantastic start last season. Brian Clough is doing the same. I heard him say Forest won't be champions for five years.

"If I was in their positions I would now tell the side to go out and prove me wrong, that if the title is there for the taking, why not take it?" Yet Howe, though an admirer of both teams, does not believe that either will finish with the leading honour.

"LIVERPOOL must be everybody's favourite. They are steady and consistent, they've done it all before and they've shown that they can recover from a relatively poor spell. That will be the test for Arsenal and Forest. How quickly can they come back after losing one or two games?

"Liverpool are so adaptable, their formation is so flexible. They're the only club in the country, for example, that can play with one up front. I saw them at WIMBLEDON, where everybody struggles. They defended with three centre halves, stuck Rush up on his own and won convincingly 3-1."

Howe suggests that the main threat to Liverpool, the holders of the English and British crowns as well as the FA Cup, will be provided by EVERTON. "They are almost back to full strength now and the New Year could mark the start of their charge. I think they will be runners-up.

"The difference between them and Liverpool is Rush. Everton are as consistent and they have done well so far but they have no reliable scorer. They miss Lineker and probably will miss him more so in March and April. That is the time when the odd goal can make such a difference.

"You know that Liverpool won't go through a month without picking up at least a point or two. Although all of the other contenders are capable of beating anybody, you can imagine them going through a patch when everything goes wrong. Take WEST HAM UNITED and TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, for example.

"Neither of them can be discounted but West Ham's away form has slumped and Tottenham, when it looks as though they are on their way, keep having daft results. Both will be up there – and so will the so-called long-ball specialists, SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY and WATFORD, if not Wimbledon.

"Those three are all hard to beat, especially at home, but there is a deficiency in their method. It is a long, hard season and because there is such a heavy demand on their fitness I don't believe they can sustain a high enough standard from August through to May."

Howe lowered his sights to the first division's basement and specifically towards MANCHESTER UNITED and CHELSEA. "They have to find something extra in the second half of the season or it could be a long struggle for both of them. It is so hard to shake off the fear of relegation.

"For United, Robson has to be fully fit, Stapleton should start scoring regularly and Olsen must beat full backs and hit those dangerous crosses. I can't see them going down. For Chelsea, the partnership between Dixon and Speedie must be restored and they also need someone to attack down the flanks.

"It promises to be even tighter down there than at the top and especially because of the new play-off system. Newcastle were strong candidates, for instance, until Goddard went there. Bobby Robson and I were getting worried about Beardsley because, until a couple of weeks ago, he had scored only once.

"Now they seem to be climbing away. Their 4-0 win over West Ham was terrific – one of the best televised games of the year. I'm not surprised ITV apparently wanted to take their cameras elsewhere but, as it turned out, the quality of the football was superb. I wouldn't like to say who might go down."

PORTSMOUTH are Howe's favourites to come up from the second division. "I think they'll make it at last," he said, "but they will have to control their aggression. It is a fight to get out but Alan Ball must keep their attitude while channelling it in the right direction.

"I like the look of IPSWICH TOWN, too. They have a good side there, full of talented young players. But the dividing line between the first and second divisions is bound to be even narrower than usual."

# Cash smashes a couple of rackets and a cameraman

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, Melbourne

Pat Cash, aged 21, an Australian with a renowned temper, yesterday smashed two rackets in petulant annoyance during Davis Cup practice at the Kooyong Club, abruptly walked off the court in frustration, then punched a television cameraman and drove off in the darkest of immature moods. His display was childish, irresponsible and seriously undermines his country's prospects for the final against Sweden, which begins on Boxing Day.

On Monday the usually conservative Neale Fraser, Australia's captain, had not only come out from under his floppy sunhat to say that Australia were favourites to regain the cup from Sweden, but that Cash should be fancied to win the possibly crucial singles encounter with Stefan Edberg, the worldNo. 4. Yesterday Fraser was stumbling about in apologetic embarrassment after Cash had thrown equilibrium and all predictions out of the window.

As Cash suddenly packed his bag on court after disjointedly losing a set to John Fitzgerald, Fraser quietly tried to reason with him. Minutes later, having just punched Mike Patterson, an ABC cameraman, outside the court and scuffled with another, Cash was back on the centre court cursing and swearing at Fraser and saying he was leaving for the day. Poor Fraser looked less a captain than an auntie bemused by an uncontrollable nephew.

It seems that Cash's problem outside the court was, McEnroe-style, his exaggeration of media interference with his family: that is to say, the legitimate taking of pictures in a public place. The situation would constitute no alarm, and require only the necessary discipline and fine by the Australian LTA, were it not sparked by a factor fundamental to Friday's tennis. Cash was playing badly.

When Australia's team arrived here last week Cash had stepped on to court and started to hit the ball the way he had on grass when reaching the Wimbledon and United States semi-finals two years ago. As someone remarked, it was too good, too early.

Yesterday his game was falling apart under the afternoon sun. In pique he smashed on the ground two rackets, the price of which would buy you a plane ticket to see the America's Cup semi-finals in Perth. It might tranquillize him had he to pay for them. As he walked off the court his opponent, Fitzgerald, with whom he will presumably play the doubles, turned to the gallery and said: "I was beginning to enjoy that!"

After Cash had been driven away Fraser tried to calm the waters. "Pat feels he's being intruded upon," Fraser said. "And he does things he might not be proud of. He's a headstrong Australian and he's preparing for one of the biggest matches of his life. I expected something like this. Pat's a perfectionist and he wasn't happy with the way he was playing."

Fraser would not confirm that Cash would be fined: he would be speaking to him privately, he said. Paul McNamee, who had apologized to the cameraman, also tried to minimize the friction. "No one could try harder for their team than Pat," he said. "He'd gone off the boil." The cameraman could be excused for thinking Cash had come on the boil.

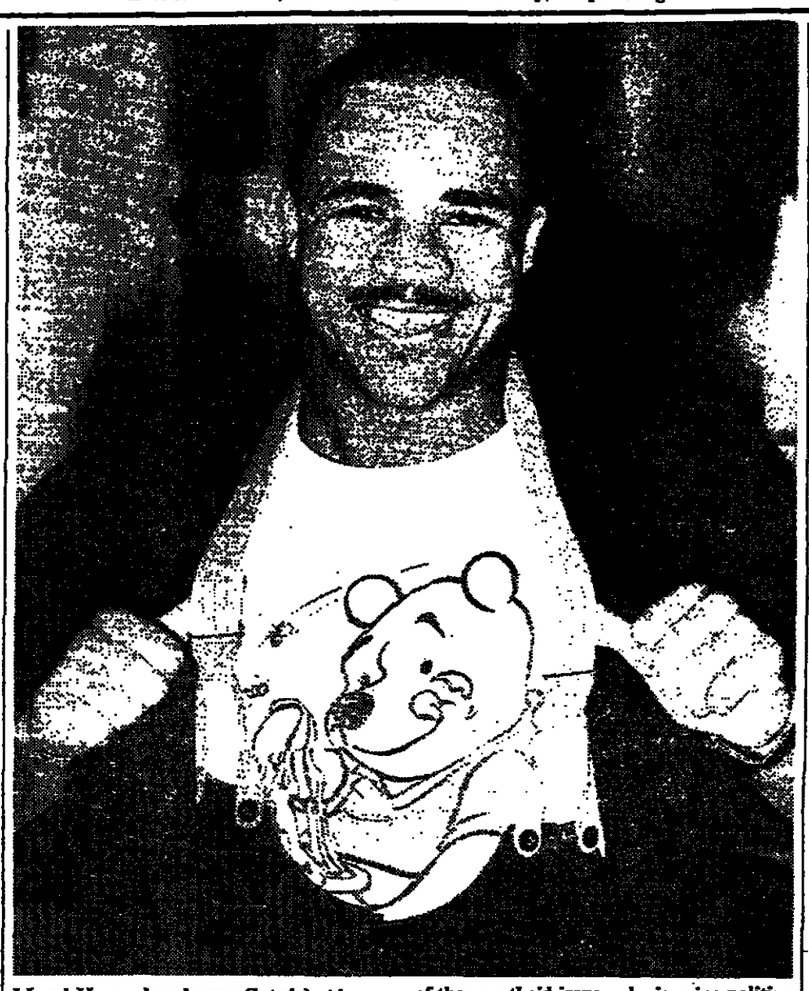
It was, in the tennis sense, not a particularly good day for either team. McNamee, who won the opening singles against Gilbert in the semi-final against United States in Brisbane, was having an erratic time against Peter McNamara, while neither Anders Jarryd nor Joakim Nystrom was on form for Sweden.

It is not conceivable that Fraser would take a gamble by replacing McNamee, ranked 44 in singles at the start of the month, with either McNamara (303) or Fitzgerald (103), but with both the expected singles players ill at ease the omens are not good.

"I haven't made up my mind yet about the team," a depressed Fraser said.

Hans Olsson, Sweden's captain, also has his dilemma, in the absence of Mats Wilander, who has, temporarily at least, preferred marriage to tennis. Sweden are seeking to become the first country to win the Davis Cup three times successively since the abolition of the challenge round in 1971, and with Edberg, the Australian champion, and Nystrom, ranked four and seven respectively, they should have had no difficulty, never mind the loss of Wilander.

But Nystrom has been bothered by a thigh injury and is off colour; and Jarryd, a Wimbledon semi-finalist of 1985, seems unsettled still by his knee operations. But the feeling is that Olsson will opt for Michael Pernfors, a finalist in the French Open this year, who is ranked 11 but is not a grass-court player.


LLoyd Honeyghan leaves Gatwick Airport yesterday for Palm Springs, California to prepare for his first world championship defence. Honeyghan has renounced the WBA part of his undisputed world welterweight title in protest against apartheid. But yesterday he was accused of using this as an excuse for not fighting South African Harold Volbrecht. "It is absolutely not true that Lloyd would not fight Harold because of the apartheid issue – he is using politics as a way out," claimed Carlos Jacomo, the South African's manager. The timing of Honeyghan's decision was criticized by Mike Mortimer, a South African WBA executive member. "It's surprising it took him so long to renounce the WBA title, when he must have known from the moment he won it that he had to defend it against the number one contender, Volbrecht," he said.

# Olympic idyll and tennis on thorny ground

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

By the end of 1987 most of us will be fed up with reading or hearing about Olympic politics, that temporizing fog of words that precedes the Games. But at least one vexed issue may be settled as early as May, when the International Olympic Committee meet in Istanbul.

The eligibility commission of the IOC are to recommend that any players nominated by the International Tennis Federation should be available to compete in the 1988 Olympics at Seoul. That proposal embraces the much wider principle that the Games should be open to professionals (already partly the case) as well as amateurs and shamateurs.

The ITF expect singles fields of 64 men and 32 women. ITF nominations would be based on the two world team championships (for the Davis Cup and the Federation Cup) with provision for specially invited players and, in addition, qualifying competitions.

Philippe Chatrier, president of the ITF, recently went to Moscow in an effort to "sell" the idea of Olympic tennis to the Soviet Union. Mr Chatrier makes sense when insisting that "it is totally impracticable to sustain the amateur ideal that existed half a century ago." But, in arguing a case for the restoration of tennis to the Games, he sometimes drops his guard.

MrChatrier asserts that professional boxing has no single governing body, but tennis does. He cites the two councils for men and women, which run the official professional circuits, and adds that the ITF are represented on both councils. That adds up to three self-styled "governing" bodies and these could not function effectively without the co-operation of two other organizations: the men's and women's professional players' associations. That co-operation cannot be taken for granted indefinitely.

A sixth power base – serving the financial interests of players, tournaments, and themselves – lies in the omnipresent management companies, notably the International Management Group (Mark McCormack) and ProServ (Donald Dell), who work within the official circuits and also promote independent events.

From all this it follows that no single organization can convincingly claim to speak for tennis and that Mr Chatrier is a little naive – perhaps tendentious – to suggest the opposite. The game needs a neutral governing authority, to arbitrate between conflicting interests, but it does not have one.

Equally, it is difficult to know whether Mr Chatrier is being artless or artful when referring to the Olympic conditions that players should receive no prize-money or other payments. Such conditions, he says, would pose no problems. How can he be sure? Clandestine payments have long been a thorny issue in tennis and there is no reason to suppose that they would cease during an Olympic year.

We must also ask ourselves if the likes of Lendl, Becker, Navratilova, Lloyd and Graf would play in the Olympics for nothing and rough it with the hoi polloi in the Olympic Village for a fortnight – with no room service. Perhaps they would maintain their usual life-style by joining the host of officials in big hotels, thus cutting themselves off from the usual run of Olympians. In that case, who would pay the hotel bills? The tennis calendar is already too crowded. There is no way that "open" tennis at the Olympics makes sense; no way that all the celebrities would agree to take part on Olympic terms; no way that Olympic tennis could be other than a half-baked festival. One could see it happening as an event for state-sponsored players from Eastern Europe and a few other nations, plus American college players. But would that be good for the Olympics or for tennis?

Other than the trivial fact that it would increase the authority of the ITF, there are two arguments for Olympic tennis. One is that the Olympics should include all the sports that have achieved world-wide popularity. The other is that in many countries Olympic status would make tennis eligible for grants from national Olympic Committees. But there is a stronger case for reducing the Olympic programme rather than expanding it; and if tennis cannot pay its own way now, it never will.

The IOC are only flirting with the idea of an Olympics open to everyone. Eventually the logical consequence, a thoroughly professional Olympics for such sports as can afford it, may be accepted. Meantime the Games do not need tennis – and tennis has long outgrown its need for the Games.

# Bored Botham bowled over

Canberra (Reuter) – Ian Botham, the England all-rounder playing for the first time for three weeks, was quickly back to his most robust form with two wickets and a quickfire 43 in England's victory over the Prime Minister's XI here today.

England won the one-day game at Manuka Oval by four wickets with 14 balls of their 50 overs to spare. They made 241 for six after restricting the Prime Minister's XI to 240 for five.

From an England point of view, the match's chief importance was as a Botham fitness workout after he tore a muscle in his side in the second Test in Perth on December 3. He missed the third Test in Adelaide and his participation in the fourth Test, starting in Melbourne on Friday was in some doubt.

But his 10-over bowling stint, although off a shortened approach, and his hard-hit 43 in 52 minutes from 44 balls dispelled English fears that they would have to do without him again.

Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, won the toss using a coin delivered by a skydiver and his young Australian side batted attractively for their runs. Bishop and Veletta put on 109 from the first 23 overs, Veletta going on to make 75. For England, Gower's 68 from 67 balls was the most impressive contribution, although Botham's was easily more significant.

Botham said: "It's been boring the last three weeks, but now I feel very good. I've had no reaction to either bowling or batting, although I wasn't at more than 75 per cent pace."

He said he would not be fully fit to bowl in Melbourne, but added he would be "a useful first change." Gatting, the England captain, said: "Botham didn't try to bowl flat out. I hope he will be able to do both in Melbourne."

PRIME MINISTER'S XI

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| G A Bishop c Richards b Botham | 49 |
| M R J Veletta c Lamb b Edmonds | 75 |
| T M Moody c Athey b Botham | 17 |
| J D Siddons run out | 12 |
| S O'Donnell st Richards b Edmonds | 14 |
| *A R Border not out | 41 |
| B Henschell not out | 27 |
| Extras (lb 4, nb 1) | 5 |
| Total (5 wkts, 50 overs) | 240 |

R Brown, †M Dimattina, D Tazelaar, and M Whitney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109, 2-143, 3-144, 4-170, 5-172.

BOWLING: Dilley 8-1-27-0; DeFreitas 6-1-25-0; Botham 10-0-32-2; Foster 9-0-63-0; Edmonds 10-0-32-2; Gatting 9-0-47-0.

ENGLAND

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| B C Broad c Dimattina b O'Donnell | 47 |
| C W J Athey run out | 14 |
| D I Gower b Moody | 68 |
| A J Lamb c Moody b Henschell | 9 |
| *M W Gatting c Moody b Tazelaar | 30 |
| I T Botham c Brown b Henschell | 43 |
| †C J Richards not out | 18 |
| P A J DeFreitas not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 2, w 4, nb 6) | 12 |
| Total (6 wkts, 47.4 overs) | 241 |

P H Edmonds, G R Dilley and N A Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-76, 3-123, 4-173, 5-199, 6-239.

BOWLING: Whitney 10-0-41-0; Brown 10-0-57-0; O'Donnell 10-0-49-1; Tazelaar 8-1-32-1; Henschell 5.4-0-40-2; Moody 3-0-18-1; Border 1-0-2-0.

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BASKETBALL

## Best of British in significant meeting

With all due respect to the hosts and the also-rans, the most significant match when the inaugural Tournament of Champions gets under way at Stretford on Boxing Day is the first semi-final (Nicholas Harling writes).

It brings together the champions of Scotland, Murray International Metals and the unbeaten English leaders and Prudential National Cup winners, Polycell Kingston, two teams in danger of running out of decent competition in their respective leagues.

Since, without doubt they are currently the two best squads in Britain, the pity is that they have not been kept apart for a possible meeting in the final, a fact readily acknowledged by Joedy Gardner, MIM's coach.

PROGRAMME: Semi-Finals: (6.0):MIM v Polycell Kingston; (8.0): Sharp Manchester United v Birmingham Heart Beat 86.

## Hidalgo signs

Michel Hidalgo, the manager who took France to the European championship in 1984, has signed a five-year contract for Marseille FC, the joint league leaders, as general manager.

SPORT IN BRIEF

## Leeds lure Bamford

Leeds created a surprise yesterday when they appointed Maurice Bamford, the Great Britain coach, as their new coach. Bamford takes over from Peter Fox only a week after resigning from coaching Great Britain because of Rita, his wife's illness. He assumes his new duties immediately but also promised the Rugby League he will take charge of Britain for the forthcoming Whitbread Trophy internationals against the French if a successor has not been named.

## Larkins agrees

Wayne Larkins, the England Test batsman, has agreed a new three-year contract with Northamptonshire. Larkins, aged 33, is currently completing his benefit year.


Larkins: secure future

## Fatal snap

Warren Luhrs, the American yachtsman, said the 60-foot mast on his boat snapped to prevent him from helping Jacques de Roux, the French sailor, aged 49, who was leading his class in the BOC around the world solo race, and is presumed drowned by officials after apparently falling overboard on Thursday.

## Dilley wanted

Somerset and Lancashire have emerged as the front-runners in the chase for Graham Dilley, the England fast bowler, aged 27, who becomes a free agent on January 1. David Dalby, the Kent secretary said yesterday: "Both counties have given the statutory notice in writing that they intend to approach Dilley in the new year. Obviously, we hope Dilley will sign the new contract Kent have offered."

## Johnson out

Ben Johnson, the Olympic downhill skiing champion, left hospital yesterday in South Lake Tahoe, California, seven days after undergoing surgery for injuries suffered earlier this month while training in Italy for a World Cup event at Val Gardena. Skiing has been ruled out for six months but Johnson said he would be ready to defend his downhill crown in Calgary in 1988.

YACHTING

# Law is back on deck

By John Goodbody

Chris Law, the helmsman of White Crusader, arrived back from the America's Cup only last weekend but already he is planning Britain's challenge for the 12-metre world championships in Sardinia next June and July.

Law has been appointed project manager and skipper for the world championships by Graham Walker, the chairman of Britain's America's Cup Challenge Ltd, and the man who underwrote the bid in Australia. Now Law is assisting in the fund-raising to get the £300,000 sponsorship needed for the event in Sardinia.

"We have just come within six seconds of beating New Zealand who will probably win the America's Cup. Fact," Law said. It is now important that the momentum is continued because the capacity for improvement is so high."

Although Robert Jackson, who was so successful in the America's Cup campaign, will be responsible for raising the money over the next six weeks, Law will be involved in talking to potential sponsors because of his intimate knowledge of the boat and the crew.

"The future of Britain's America's Cup yachting depends on the next six weeks because we must sustain the impact of the last few months at Fremantle and have an entry at the world championships," Law said.

Provided the money is forthcoming Law will spend February and March arranging accommodation and facilities in Sardinia, the boats will arrive from Australia in April and training will begin three weeks before the competition starts on June 25.